



Ruby photographed in winter, 2014. JULIE LAWRENCE PHOTO.

# Ruby

THERE IS SADNESS IN OUR HEARTS at Wolf Haven because Ruby, one of our beloved red wolves, has died. She passed away unexpectedly in her sleep and was found during the routine morning walk-through. Her vigor and playfulness are greatly missed by all.

Ruby was part of the red wolf captive breeding program, a collaboration between the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)'s Species Survival Plan (SSP). She came to Wolf Haven in 2007 when very young. Ruby never had pups but she bonded well with both of her mates; Sioux who died of kidney disease in 2009 and Tala who she had been

with since 2010.

Ruby was stunning to see, with her beautiful blended red and black coat and deep orange eyes that seemed to look into your soul. She was bold and feisty, often staying out when visitors were present (while her enclosure mate Tala hid in the den). Ruby liked play bowing, bluff charging and running the fence line with the gray wolves in the enclosure across from her. Tala would often join in the fun and looked to her for cues about how to handle different situations. She had the spirit of a leader.

It has been an honor to care for Ruby; her unique and vibrant nature will live on in our hearts.

