



Shiloh lovingly photographed two days prior to his passing. JULIE LAWRENCE PHOTO.

Shiloh – a loving legacy

IN MID-NOVEMBER, we said goodbye to Shiloh, a wolfdog who resided at Wolf Haven for nine of his ten years. Shiloh was humanely euthanized at the vet clinic due to a massive, inoperable tumor found in his abdomen.

It was a somber trip home from the vet that day, and as I stared at Shiloh's lifeless body, I was reminded of the last time I rode in a van with Shiloh. We traveled to California to rescue him after he had been picked up as a stray by Ventura County

Animal Control. Shiloh hunkered in the back of his crate with eyes as big as saucers as the miles rolled by. "Just wait" I remember telling him, "It will be ok, I promise." And so it was. Shiloh was just over a year old when we rescued him – young and goofy and full of life. He came as a companion for Jesse, a female gray wolf four years his senior and she became his universe.

In the nine years they were housed together, very rarely would you see Jesse without Shiloh close

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behind. Even when she wanted her space and growled at him, he was never deterred – in fact it seemed to just egg him on and he would nip her rump or swat at her head if she tried to ignore him. Even now as I write this, I can't help but smile as I think of him. I am ever reluctant to ascribe human "stuff" to our animals, but through his relationship with Jesse, Shiloh showed us all what it meant to "love" deeply and completely. What a beautiful legacy. Rest in peace, sweet Shiloh. 