



Shoka. JULIE LAWRENCE PHOTO.

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Shoka – free to howl

“I celebrate myself, and sing myself.”
–Walt Whitman

SHOKA LOVED TO HOWL; and during the six months he lived at Wolf Haven, the sanctuary sounds were enriched by his beautiful tone.

Since the moment he arrived, we knew Shoka was a very special being. Shy and hypersensitive, it always seemed that there was a lot going through his mind. He had the sweetest look in his big eyes, a shiny fluffy silver coat and a powerful deep voice. Believe it or not, at Wolf Town –the facility where we rescued him- the neighbors had set a curfew: no howling after 10 pm. Local staff had to go out to the enclosure area every night to try to stop the wolves from vocalizing. But Shoka made it clear that he was not participating in

the nonsense schedule, and a home for him needed to be found as soon as possible.

He came to the right place; here at the Haven times are set by nature itself, and wolves and coyotes engage in howls during mornings, afternoons and nights as they please.

Sweet Shoka was 13 years old when he passed mid-November. He was humanely euthanized due to ruptured anterior cruciate ligament in both knees. We offer our profound gratitude to those who supported Shoka during his time at Wolf Haven. It is due to your generosity and compassion that he spent the last months of his life in the peacefulness of an off-tour enclosure where, happy-tail wagging, he was free to howl his heart’s desire, late into the night.

