

Tamaska

WHEN TAMASKA FIRST ARRIVED AT WOLF HAVEN, SHE WAS SCARED AND NERVOUS, BUT SHE QUICKLY BONDED WITH HER NEW MATE JACOB BLACK. HER NAME MEANS “THE MIGHTY ONE” AND SOON ENOUGH SHE BECAME JUST THAT. SHE STOPPED BEING AFRAID AND GOT USED TO HER NEW SURROUNDINGS.

Tamaska and Jacob enjoyed a long friendship; they even became parents to a single pup, but sadly he or she passed away after just two weeks. Fortunately, they dealt with the loss as wolf parents, should – together. During catch-ups they always stayed together and we could hardly separate them. It was heartwarming to witness.

Jacob had been feeling off and sadly passed away from kidney failure on June 3. Tamaska grieved the loss of her friend – she lost her appetite and her behavior changed. The vibrant red wolf that had always been at the fence in the morning now remained hidden and skittish. We monitored her closely and just two weeks after Jacob’s passing, it became evident that she wasn’t getting better and had actually taken a turn for the worse. We took her in to our veterinarian who discovered that she had Addison’s disease. The stress of losing Jacob was probably the tipping point.

We made the difficult decision to let her go. She had lost her will to live and the disease would have been hard to manage for a red wolf.

The staff of Wolf Haven will recall the many years they lived and played together; two souls connected and now e back together again in spirit. Farewell Tamaska.

“When two souls connect in recognition, the entire world goes silent.”

~Lenita Vangellis



– Ursula Davis, Animal Care/
Membership Assistant