
IN MEMORY OF JASON AND BULLET

Sadly, Jason's and Bullet's old age finally caught up with them on May 11th and May 2nd respectively. In honor of their passing, we'd like to share their story with you one last time. This feature originally appeared in Wolftracks in February, 1991. It is comforting to know that their long life in captivity was made more pleasant by caring people like our members, volunteers and of course, their adoptive friends.



JASON



BULLET

Photos & Story by Carol Ortner

Now entering their fourteenth year, Jason and Bullet are our senior citizens - Wolf Haven's grand old gentleman and his lovely lady. They have been together since they were born in 1977.

As pups, Jason and Bullet were privately owned; an arrangement that ended when they became too big to handle. They were sent to the San Diego Zoo, later to the Parump Valley Zoo in Nevada, and on to Wolf Country Foundation. In 1982, Steve Kuntz took them in along with their sister, Kyra, and 19 other wolves, when he founded Wolf Haven.

We believe Jason and Bullet to be of the subspecies Canis lupus nubilus, commonly known as the Great Plains wolf. Now extinct in the wild, these animals once ranged from southern Manitoba to northern Texas. Deprived of their food supply when the buffalo were hunted to near extinction, these magnificent animals quickly disappeared from their native range. By the late 1800's only a few captives remained.

Jason and Bullet are alpha wolves, intense and powerful. Jason, with his piercing yellow-gold eyes is strong, dominant and very selective in choosing his human friends. He has retained much of his wild nature and is self-assured and confident.

Bullet is one of the largest females we shelter and is named for her habit of disappearing like a shot when she is first approached. She is shy of humans and somewhat elusive.

Editor's Note: Jason and Bullet will definitely be missed by all who knew them.