MAriAH WAS A BEAUTIFUL CALM GRAY WOLF WHO CAME TO LIVE WITH YUKON LAST YEAR.

She had a soft and sweet disposition and at 11 years old, was in need of a place to live in peace. Yukon had lost his enclosure-mate Jaque, with whom he had a strong connection, and the following weeks without her had made him more reclusive than usual. When Mariah arrived, it was clear Yukon was thrilled to have another friend. The two met and hit it off right away as evidenced by wagging tails and excited whining. They settled into a comfortable relationship, and Yukon once again gained confidence with the calm presence of Mariah by his side. Mariah was food motivated but never aggressive with Yukon around food; they would even swap their beef loaves from time to time. Mariah appeared to adjust well to life at Wolf Haven and was always waiting at the fence in the morning for her medication and meals. She continued to enjoy her peaceful life in the sanctuary, but at 12 years of age, was experiencing the natural age-related health decline. When it seemed that she was having more difficult days than good ones, we made the decision to help our elder friend move on from this life. Mariah passed peacefully on October 20 and will be dearly missed. We take solace in knowing she spent her final year with a gentle companion in a beautiful sanctuary. Rest in peace, sweet Mariah.

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