

# Marius (1990 -2005)

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On October 12, 1993 the Wildlife Science Center gave Wolf Haven an amazing addition to its wolf family... His name was Marius.

Marius was born on April 15, 1990 and he came to us as a

mate for Sung, another wolf here at Wolf Haven. After Sung passed away On October 6, 1996, Marius needed a mate, as did Morning Star, another wolf in our sanctuary who lost her mate, Rouge, on January 31, 1994. Marius was physically astounding... a large wolf with rich amber eyes that would peer down to the depths of your soul and he was an extremely intelligent friend of mine, not to say that the other wolves at Wolf Haven aren't. You could see in his eyes that Marius was always thinking and noticing things in his environment and I believe he could read your deepest intentions to find out if they were kind or not, to see if you were worthy of

his trust. His innately cautious personality was probably due, in part, to his lineage. His father was a wild wolf from Montana, naturally cautious of humans... What I call a "built in trust issue." Marius was a good judge of character and it was an honorable challenge to try to earn his trust – a challenge I was happy to accept. If he found your intentions to be true of heart, and decided to trust you, then it was an honor to carry proudly.

Marius always had physical problems, particularly with his central nervous system and his bones. As these lifelong ailments finally caught up with him, his quality of life began to diminish and he was having trouble standing up from a prone position. In the last couple of days of his life he had a hard time walking around and on November 29 it seemed that, although Marius did not want to give up, his body just let go. The animal care staff and veterinarian considered Marius' options and with his best intentions in mind the choice to euthanize was made. I remember the last time my friend Marius looked at me with those dark rich amber eyes and seemed to know that our intentions were true of heart. We will all miss you my friend Mar-Mar.



## Written in stone

Kate Joki, Director of Development

Wolf Haven is proud to announce Phase II of our "Path of Understanding." Originally begun near our rose garden, the Path is now taking shape on the walkway of our cemetery where the beloved wolves that have spent their lives here are laid to rest. Nestled between the prairie and the sanctuary, it is the ideal spot to continue the path for all to see.

The Path of Understanding is made of stone and marble pavers created especially for Wolf Haven. In it,

each wolf is memorialized at the time of his/her passing with funds specifically noted for that purpose from adopters. Additional stones in the name of our wolves have been placed by many of our donors as a way of paying tribute to an old friend they came to know th... Marius always had physical problems, particularly with his central nervous system and his bones. As

sanctuary. As the Path has grown, donors have had pavers dedicated in the name of a friend, loved one, or beloved pet.

Walking the Path and reading the messages and dedications leaves you with a feeling of gratitude to know that someone out there cared enough to leave a permanent mark in another's honor and that someone, two legged or four, was truly loved and cared for in their life. To dedicate a marble or stone paver to be permanently laid on the Path of Understanding please contact Wolf Haven via phone or internet. Your donation will go to your personalized paver that will adorn our cemetery and prairie path for generations to come and any additional proceeds will go directly to the care of our resident wolves.

Stone Paver w/ picture and 3 lines of text: \$75

Stone Paver w/ picture and 5 lines of text: \$85

Marble Paver w/ picture and/or 5 lines of text: \$100

