

## A TRIBUTE TO HAMBONE

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Hambone and his four siblings arrived at Wolf Haven in December of 1983. Hambone and his sister Kiwi were decidedly attached to one another, so they remained as companions throughout his life.

His name suited him well, as he was indeed a ham at times, clowning around and being so full of life. Yet he also left one with the feeling of great pride in himself and a oneness with all creatures.

You could feel the love that he had for his sister Kiwi. Watching them together was an in-depth study of the alpha male/alpha female role in the pack. He was gentle, yet strong, guiding and reassuring to Kiwi, who can be high strung and excitable.



Hambone became critically ill in the summer of 1997. Treating him became very problematic because he became very pill-phobic. If he thought there was a pill lurking in his food, he would not touch food for days and so finally we decided not to try to fool him, but rather get him to eat as much as possible. The dedication of the Animal Care staff, especially Jack Laufer, was truly an act of deep love. In spite of their efforts, Hambone passed silently away on the morning of February 18.

Hambone gave us 14 years of knowing his proud spirit. He was a perfect ambassador for the wolf in the wild and a voice for a time when the wolf roamed freely across our nation. The passing of a friend is never easy, but Hambone did it on his own terms, which makes our hearts not quite as heavy. The circle of life is complete for Hambone - but he will never be far from our thoughts.

*The following dear friends have also passed on, since our last publication, from complications arising from old age: Joe Montana, Nehani, Noah, Nakomis, Nimrod and Hurricane. Because of limited space in this issue, we were unable to print their tributes and will do so in our upcoming newsletters*



## AN ANGEL IN OUR MIDST

JUDY LOEVEN, ANIMAL CARE STAFF

Welcome to the newest resident of our sanctuary - Angel! A vibrant, light-colored wolf, she was born in May of 1997 at a game farm in Montana. Soon bought by a woman in northern Washington state, Angel was used as an ambassador wolf to educational programs. The stress of the lifestyle, combined with frequent separations from her packmates, took its toll on her, and she became aggressive to the other wolves. With no space to house her separately, her owner donated her to Wolf Haven.

Angel now resides in the enclosure closest to the Sanctuary gate and is readily visible from our gift shop window. Visitors are often amused by this playful wolf's antics, as her appetite for play seems inexhaustible. Now, she awaits a male companion to make her life complete... We are on the lookout!

Welcome also to Teka's new companion, a year-old named Wyatt. Teka took to him almost immediately, and they spend a great deal of the cooler times in early morning and evenings playing vigorously. Though Teka has become a bit of a jealous lady - especially of that pretty young thing next door named Angel - we are all very happy that she is not doomed to spend her life alone!

### Adoptable wolves at Wolf Haven

Males	Females
Little John	Kiowa
Gyrene	Gris Gris
Moose	Destiny
Napanee	Cris
Marius	Morning Star
Onyx	Tahoma
Ramises	Tenino Montana
Nero	Sybil
Joshua (alone)	Kiwi (alone)
Smokey (alone)	Windsong (alone)
	Teka
	Angel (alone)

