



May 28, 2020

Dear Friend,

It is with a very moved heart that I write this letter. Recently we had to say goodbye to our beloved red wolf M1482, house-name Tala. He had been struggling with some health issues over the last year or so. His mobility kept slowly and steadily declining (most probably due to a degenerative condition in his back end), and more recently he started dealing with incontinence. With the advice of our vet, we increased Tala's daily medication. Even though it seemed to help for a while, we saw drastic ups and downs in his condition. We kept monitoring even more closely to ensure Tala was maintaining a good quality of life.

On May 20th during feeding, we found Tala seemingly unable to stand up. We went into the enclosure to figure out what was wrong, and he appeared to try but couldn't get up. Since he had been walking well during the morning, we moved him to the shelter pen and left him in sternal position—hoping the problem was that he had been laying over his legs for too long and they became numb. We provided Tala food and water and gave him some space. After a couple hours we went back to check on him but found that Tala was still not able to stand on his own. One of our veterinarians, Dr. Van Dussen, was able to do a short-notice visit to professionally assess Tala's condition. After a thorough examination it was clear to everyone that it was in his best interest to help him rest.

Tala, was always a very calm and powerful presence. As the father of twelve pups, the devoted patriarch leaves behind a beautiful legacy in his large family and through all the humans that, thanks to Tala, got to know and care about the extraordinary red wolf species.

We deeply thank you for all your support. It is thanks to humans like you that we are able to provide a dignified life to all the wolves under our care.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pamela Maciel".

Pamela Maciel
Sanctuary Co-Manager