


Tribute F1932 (Azalea)

WE ARE SADDENED TO REPORT THE PASSING OF RED WOLF F1932 (AZALEA) FROM CANCER THIS MAY. AZALEA WAS BORN IN 2012 AND CAME TO WOLF HAVEN IN 2016 FROM THE FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO WITH HER THREE DAUGHTERS.

This playful family group of rare canids was on the public visitor route and delighted guests and staff alike with their agility and bounding acrobatics. Mother and daughters were often seen bouncing off the trees in their enclosure or leaping effortlessly to the top of their shelter boxes. Azalea was the most outgoing of the group, and she often closely watched the humans that passed by her living quarters.

Though ever wary of us, Azalea exuded vital joy in the springing sprints witnessed by staff during morning rounds. In the afternoons she could be found napping, curled tightly in her favored spot under a tree. While her captivating personality will be missed, her legacy lives on in her offspring, who themselves are making great contributions to the recovery of their species. One of Azalea's daughters, F2162 (Sassafras) was transferred from Wolf Haven to North Carolina Zoo last fall to be paired with a genetically suitable male, and this spring they had six pups. While Azalea is dearly missed, there is delight in seeing her family tree grow and thrive. 

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