

Tribute Ukiah



UKIAH AND HER BROTHER YUMA WERE PURCHASED FROM A BREEDER IN TEXAS AND IT WAS THE BUYER'S INTENT TO RAISE THEM AS PETS. AFTER THE OWNER PASSED AWAY IN 2010, UKIAH AND YUMA MADE THE JOURNEY TO WOLF HAVEN FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Ukiah lived with Yuma until he passed away in November of 2014; they had been together since their birth in 2007. In 2015 she was introduced to Merlin, a wolfdog that we had just rescued, also from private ownership.

Ukiah and Merlin formed a deep bond and were often seen playing or lounging in their enclosure or chasing away ravens together. As both approached their senior years, we witnessed signs of aging and they were on daily medicine for mobility and pain. Ukiah slowed down even more in the last couple of months and though she was incredibly stoic, it became clear that something more serious was going on with her.

On May 24, when we saw that she was very uncomfortable and showed signs of pain, animal care staff took her to the clinic. Sadly, Ukiah had kidney failure and together with our veterinarian we decided it was time to help her rest.

Ukiah was a beautiful and spirited wolf; we will miss her presence in the sanctuary. Her name means "From the Deep Valley" and I hope she is roaming a beautiful valley without pain, free as she should be.



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Ukiah's name means "From the Deep Valley." *Julie Lawrence.*