

Tribute Aponi


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WE ARE SADDENED TO ANNOUNCE THAT GRAY WOLF Aponi PASSED AWAY FROM CANCER IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

Aponi came from Woodland Park Zoo in 2019 to live in sanctuary at Wolf Haven. She lived at the zoo with her three sisters since she was a pup, but Aponi – being the playful and inquisitive wolf she was – became the instigator of the pack over time. This contributed to dominance disputes. Because captive wolves are not able to disperse on their own in adulthood as they would in the wild, Woodland Park Zoo asked Wolf Haven to provide Aponi with a forever home.

Gray wolf Grayling came to Wolf Haven from another zoo around the same time and for similar reasons. The two made a vocal and playful power couple. Aponi had a bold personality and enjoyed collecting any of Grayling's food that she could get away with snatching. Aponi's arrival excited nearby neighbors, and Aponi enjoyed bluff charging them from the fence. After assuring her neighbors of her status or teasing her beloved Grayling, Aponi could be found snoozing in pure contentment on her multi-level platform.

Aponi was ever watchful and had striking eyes that looked as if she was wearing eyeliner. She was distinctive and beautiful inside and out, and her assertive, queenly personality will be dearly missed. 

Aponi had the most strikingly beautiful eyes.

Julie Lawrence.