TRIBUTE: M1066 (MOSS)

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EXICAN WOLF M1066 (MOSS) HAD A VERY RICH LIFE AT WOLF HAVEN until his passing in late winter. He was born in a pre-release enclosure in 2007 and grew up alongside his multigenerational family. As an adult, he was pulled from the family group and paired with a beautiful Mexican wolf female, F1099 (Betty). In 2015, the pair produced a healthy litter, and Moss spent several years being a wonderful father. Some of you may remember the iconic GoPro video of Moss howling while his pups surrounded him with mixed reactions of awe and wariness, in what looked like their first time ever hearing a howl.

After Betty passed away from cancer, Moss remained with his offspring for some time, but when dominance displays escalated, he was moved to his own enclosure. Following a few months of living alone, Moss moved in with F1046 (Abu) and was neutered so he could start his retired life in the peace of sanctuary. After Abu's passing, he welcomed F1361 (Sedona) and the two provided each other with quiet company, spending their afternoons and evenings together lying underneath the shade of the large firs in their vegetated home.

In the sanctuary, Moss is survived by his brother M1135 (Cejitos) and his three sons M1428 (Agave), M1429 (Copal), and M1430 (Aspen).

Though Moss didn't get to experience a life in the wild, we hope he had a good life at Wolf Haven — a result of all the love and care we put into everything we do.

