TRIBUTE: NINA

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E HAVE THE SAD NEWS TO SHARE that Nina passed away in July due to complications of age. Nina came to us rather late in her life, at age 14, and spent the last 17 months living the quiet routine of a senior wolfdog. We brought her to Wolf Haven after Caedus' companion, Shali, passed away. We wanted Caedus to have suitable companionship and were contacted about Nina needing a home. While it took a bit of time for her to settle in, Nina soon relaxed into her shady enclosure and the calm rhythms of life in sanctuary. Nina and Caedus lived on the public visitor route, and guests often commented on how alike the two looked with their dark, full fur.

Although she was shy, Nina would sometimes playfully bounce about during our morning walk-through, or in anticipation of feeding time. Nina received daily medication for her stiff joints which she looked forward to receiving in a sliver of pot roast. She also enjoyed her food portions thawed and easily chewed, as her teeth had worn down with age. Nina often peeked at her neighbors to see what they were doing, soulfully joined in on sanctuary howls, and enjoyed resting right outside her shelter pen. Staff will miss her wise eyes peering out over the tall grass. We were honored to offer Nina her final home and to support her during her last year. Rest in peace, Nina. \$

Nina. Julie Lawrence.