

TRIBUTE: TOLO

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EVER SO EXCITED TO GREET THE WORLD around him, Tolo was a beautiful singing soul inside a complicated body. In early 2021, animal care staff drove to California to pick up ten-year-old gray wolf Tolo from a local rescue. Born into the unfortunate business of selling wild animals as pets, Tolo had been confiscated from private property and needed a safe home. At Wolf Haven, female gray wolf Sierra had lost her companion and was ready to welcome a new friend.

Tolo and Sierra bonded right away and soon settled into a routine of their own. Mornings were spent at the bottom of their sloped enclosure, watching the outside world come to life. Afternoons were mostly for napping and relaxation. And evenings seemed to be a perfect time for guarding leftovers and teaming up to chase sneaky ravens.

Tolo's health was unfortunately not as strong as his spirit. He struggled with a variety of physiological maladies, mostly related to his endocrine and digestive systems. With the help of our veterinary team, we managed it for quite some time, but Tolo's body ultimately gave out.

He was such a special being, with a particular spunk and arguably one of the widest ranges of vocalizations we have witnessed. Tolo's relationship with life was in large part through his powerful voice. His was the first howl that could be heard at the break of dawn, and his song echoed through the prairie sky on dark foggy nights. Rest now, much loved Tolo. 🐾

Tolo. *Julie Lawrence.*