

TRIBUTE

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WE LOST OUR ever-curious sanctuary sentinel, Juno, in November. She passed away after a slow decline of age, just shy of 15 years old. Juno was purchased as a pup from a Texas breeder who sold high content wolfdogs. Her former owner cared deeply for Juno, but as Juno matured, it became clear she was not a tractable pet. Many guests over the years have delighted to hear the story of how Juno “redecorated” her owner’s Lexus SUV.

When Wolf Haven was contacted and asked to give Juno a forever home in 2011, we had a young one-year-old gray wolf, Shadow, who was struggling without a suitable companion. Juno was paired with Shadow and there was absolutely no doubt that it was love at first sight for Shadow. He immediately tried to engage in play and stayed glued to her side. It took Juno some time to adjust to her new surroundings (and the ceaseless attentions of her admirer), but she settled in well and developed a deep bond with Shadow that endured for 12 years. Sadly, Shadow passed away in May 2023.

Juno and Shadow’s front enclosure was visible from the moment visitors walked through the sanctuary gate, and there was rarely a time that Juno was not sizing up who entered. It was an honor to care for her, give her the space she needed, and the opportunity for companionship that lasted almost a lifetime. Rest in peace, Juno. You are dearly missed.



Juno

JULIE LAWRENCE.