

## TRIBUTE

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**I**N APRIL, the world sadly lost a personality that was unrivaled in female gray wolf, Ash. She was a gorgeous cream and white wolf who came to Wolf Haven in 2022 when we were contacted to give her a new home. At the time, male wolfdog Luca was in need of a companion, and so began a companionship that quickly flourished.

While she was getting used to life in the sanctuary, Ash was very shy, but it didn't stop her from harassing Luca right from the start. She would even let him know that he had to share the top of "his" platform. Soon after her arrival, animal care staff discovered Ash's most unique personality trait – she was able to, in a low tone, growl like a dinosaur! We began calling this the "dino growl" and anytime Luca would unwantedly get in her face, or just a little too close, she would let out a dino growl. Luca barely paid attention to it, but he also knew how far he could push her (which was never enough to claim the food she was guarding). Most of the time though, they would simply chase each other, share the same space, and paw at each other lovingly.

Visitors and staff were enchanted by Ash's playful antics and the way she seamlessly handled the obnoxiousness of her companion. Even amidst the sadness of losing her to cancer, we find comfort in the countless memories Ash gifted us and the wonderful companionship she gave Luca.



*Ash*

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