

# WOLF

TRACKS

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## PERIMETER FENCING AT LAST!

Wolf Haven  
goes to prison

Washington  
wolf meeting  
mania

Isle Royale  
wolves  
Shedding new light on  
inbreeding and genetics

WELCOME  
CAEDUS!



Led by Kim Young, Wolf Haven staff sing jubilantly to wolf siblings Bart and Jinkies. *URSULA DAVIS.*

## Christmas carols for the wolves

FIRST THEY SMELLED US, then the wolves saw us as we silently sauntered into the sanctuary, with grins on our faces and gifts of song hidden in our long sleeves. Wolf Haven’s human pack was holiday giddy with ruddy cheeks and dressed in wool, fleece and waterproof wear, while the wolves themselves were in full winter’s bloom with thick fur coats.

Understandably, the wolves were suspicious about our giddiness; they knew that we were “up to something.” And we were. One and-two-and “*We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*”

Although initially skeptical of our off-key singing, midway through the song the wolves sat or stood calmly in place, letting go of any reservation they had as to our motive. The wolves seemed to open up their big wolfy hearts and allow themselves to be soothed by the holiday melodies.

So we continued on with our repertoire of Christmas songs in the candy cane cold and clear sunshine shadow of evergreen trees and the wolves knew the cheer was for them, along with the itty-bitty red hot sugar candies to scent roll upon. The Wolf Haven staff sang one carol per enclosure for a total of eight songs in all. And then we were still.

Suddenly, the roles became reversed as the wolves returned the gift of song in an elongated beautiful holiday howl.

— SKIE BENDER



Pahana. *JULIE LAWRENCE PHOTO.*



On a brighter note, the three new wolves we recently rescued have been doing great.

Jaque (pronounced JAKE-ee), was born at Wolf People in Idaho, and sold at an early age. Sadly, Jaque’s owner was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Knowing that Jaque would need someone to care for her, she contacted Wolf Haven, and in October we welcomed her to the sanctuary. Jaque was paired with Chinook on the tour route, and while the two took a little while to warm up to each other, they have since settled in nicely together. Jaque is a sweet girl, but with a feisty, wild side to her.

Caedus (pronounced KI-dus) was privately owned as a pet in Minnesota. His owner was recently deployed to the Middle East and before leaving, he surrendered Caedus to a dog rescue in Minnesota. Caedus is still just a big pup at only 20 months old. He is a stunning black wolf with absolutely no fear. With Caedus, there was virtually no adjustment period for him to his new surroundings; from his first morning at Wolf Haven, he showered humans and animals alike with kisses, tail wags, and whining. Caedus was paired with Ladyhawk on the tour route.

We mentioned Riley briefly in the last issue of WOLF TRACKS. Riley was born to a breeder in Oregon and sold as a pet. Sadly, Riley spent his life in very small and substandard living conditions. Riley’s owner unexpectedly passed away, and neighbors stepped in to care for him before they contacted Wolf Haven. Riley arrived on October 6, and after settling in, we introduced our lone female Siri to him. I’m happy to say the two are getting along wonderfully. Riley is much more confident now, and Siri once again has a playmate.

From all the wolves here at Wolf Haven – have a Happy New Year!



Riley. *JULIE LAWRENCE PHOTO.*

