


# Cejitos

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**A**T 17 YEARS AND NINE MONTHS, M1135 (Cejitos) was the oldest living Mexican wolf in the world at the time of his passing in January 2026. He was born at Wolf Haven in 2008 to parents M752 (Coal) and F908 (Lola) as part of the Saving Animals from Extinction program (previously the Species Survival Plan program). From the beginning, Cejitos was a lively wolf with a spark that lasted until his final days.

Cejitos was part of Coal and Lola's second litter at Wolf Haven. In 2009, Lola and her daughters were transferred to a facility in Mexico while Cejitos and his two brothers remained in Tenino. When his brothers were selected for breeding, Cejitos was placed with an older female, F759 (Fern), for companionship, and then with F954 (Noel), who would become his long-time companion.

In early 2020, Cejitos and Noel were moved into our newest enclosure in a more secluded part of the sanctuary to live out their golden years — and there would be many. After Noel's passing in 2023, Cejitos continued to thrive. Even as he was losing his hearing and sight, he would patrol his enclosure and posture with his neighbors. His sense of smell never faltered, so he was always able, and eager, to collect his food and treats!

Cejitos' feistiness in his youth, and his elegance at the end, left an unforgettable mark on those who cared for him. Rest easy, Cejitos. 

JULIE LAWRENCE.