



## Tribute

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# Chester

**W**E LOST OUR SPIRITED seven-year-old American Red Wolf, M2213 (Chester), in April to kidney failure. Chester was born at Wolf Haven to parents F1945 (Nash) and M1482 (Tala) and lived his entire life with members of his family. Most recently, he lived with his mother, Nash, on the public visitor route.

Chester was a very large American Red Wolf who was named for his adorable resemblance to Chester the Cheetah, the Cheetos™ snack food mascot. He was very playful with his siblings and parents, and we have hours of footage of him chasing and jaw-wrestling them. While most of his family would hide if animal care staff were anywhere in the vicinity, Chester would stay out and watch us... until we touched the gate to his enclosure. It turns out that his tough was all bluff, and he would quickly retreat to hide in his favorite wooden den box.

Chester's loss at such a young age was an unexpected shock, and he showed no signs of illness until a few days before his passing. While our veterinarians were unable to determine the precise cause of his kidney failure, the damage was so extensive once he showed signs of disease that treatment was not possible.

We dearly miss his big jowls, his joyful leaps, and his deep baritone howl. Rest in peace, handsome Chester. 

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