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CONFIDENT AND GREGARIOUS IN CHARACTER, TALL AND REGAL IN APPEARANCE, AND FIERCE AND BOUNDLESS IN APPETITE, LAKOTA WAS A WOLF WITH A TREMENDOUS PERSONALITY.

Lakota had an unfortunate start in life when he was born into the cruel and misleading business of breeding and selling wild animals as pets. After spending his first few years malnourished and confined to a small pen as property of a backyard-breeder, Lakota was rescued by Wolf Haven in 2015. With his arrival to the sanctuary, Lakota started a new life – one in a safe home, with reliable food, and kindred companionship. Sequra (a mellow female wolfdog) was the first to welcome Lakota and helped him settle into his new home. The two of them were great friends until Sequra passed away and we introduced him to Sierra, a young and vocal female gray wolf who he connected with right away. Throughout the years, we had the pleasure of seeing Lakota grow into his own sense of self. He seemed to enjoy every bit of his existence.

Lakota passed away this summer after a brief struggle with cancer. We will always remember him as the joyful being he was. Lakota was the first face I would see when heading towards the sanctuary to do the morning walkthrough, and he is still the first face that comes to mind when I think of the impact that true sanctuary has in these animals' lives.

Rest in power, dearest Lakota. 🐾

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