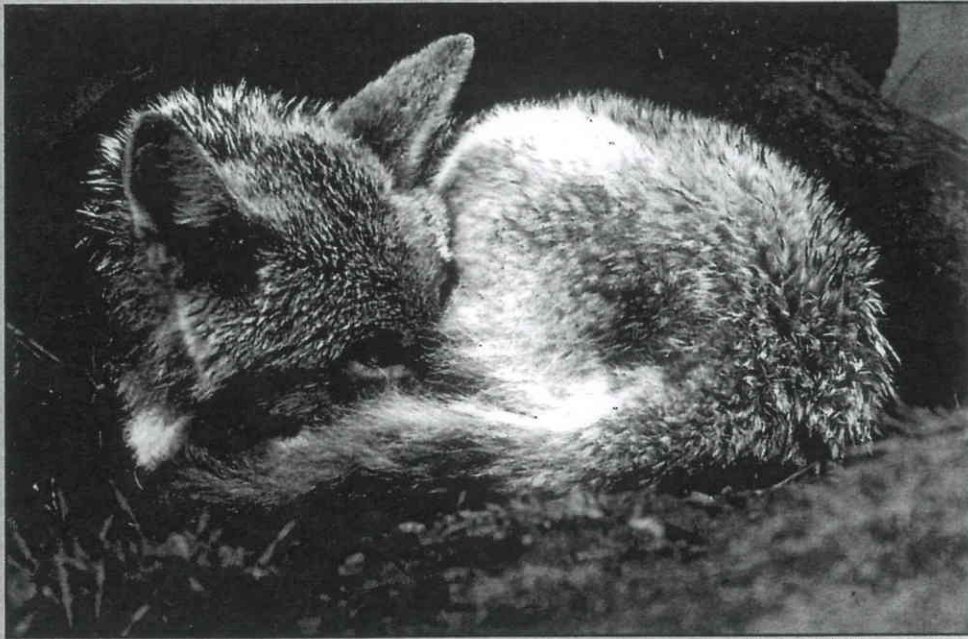




Defiance. Wolf Haven file photo.

Sweet Defiance

Jack Laufer, General Curator

On March 28, Wolf Haven lost a long time friend, and educator, with the passing of Defiance. She lived with us since she was three months old and perhaps for her it was simply time to rejoin her lifelong soul mate, J.R.

Defiance came to Wolf Haven in the summer of 1985, given to us by a local family who had somehow acquired her at the age of a few weeks. As soon as we got her, it was obvious that we had a special kind of creature on our hands. She was a beautiful little puppy, with no fear of people, full of energy and a strong desire to do anything that even resembled play.

At that time, Wolf Haven had a male coyote of the same young age and when we placed them together they liked each other immediately. Within minutes, Defiance and J.R. were running around in play, developing a bond that they kept until his death a few years ago.

We are thankful for the support our members have given us which allowed us to care for

Defiance; otherwise her life would have ended 18 years ago. In her lifetime, Defiance educated the general public on the nature of the coyote and, as importantly, she showed some of the ways of the coyote to wildlife professionals and educators as well.

Defiance was beautiful in both appearance and soul, and she will be missed greatly for a long time. But we must balance our feeling of loss with the knowledge that she lived an incredibly long life, and that she was active and appeared healthy until the day she died. For that, we must be thankful. Hopefully, Defiance and J.R. are now together again, never to be separated.

