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A TRIBUTE TO BENONI



The tiny black wolf cub was stolen from his brothers and sisters somewhere in a remote spot of Northern Alaska in the Spring of 1973. He was sent to people in New York who wanted him as a household pet. But these people discovered that it was illegal for them to keep a wolf in their home and the authorities had no choice but to ship him to the licensed, privately-owned sanctuary in Colorado called The Wolf Country Foundation. The young wolf was named Benoni (Eskimo for "Son of Trouble"). The sanctuary was then moved to Washington State where Benoni and nineteen other wolves evolved, with new owners, into the preserve known as Wolf Haven. During this time the black Brooks Mountain Wolf met and fell in love with a British Columbia gray wolf called Princess Lilypad. The soulmates shared with us several cubs who soon learned to become teachers and ambassadors, reaching human eyes and ears - and, hopefully, their hearts and souls as well.

They succeeded. Benoni was a proud father wolf and he loved his Princess Lilypad. Finally, at the age of 14 plus, he left this world. He died in March, 1987. He simply reclined peacefully on the warmth of Mother Earth and she cradled him as he fell into another world we have yet to understand. One thing is sure - we love you, Benoni. You taught us many things and your cubs are now full-grown and continue to share their presence and wolf-wisdom with us.



All of us.