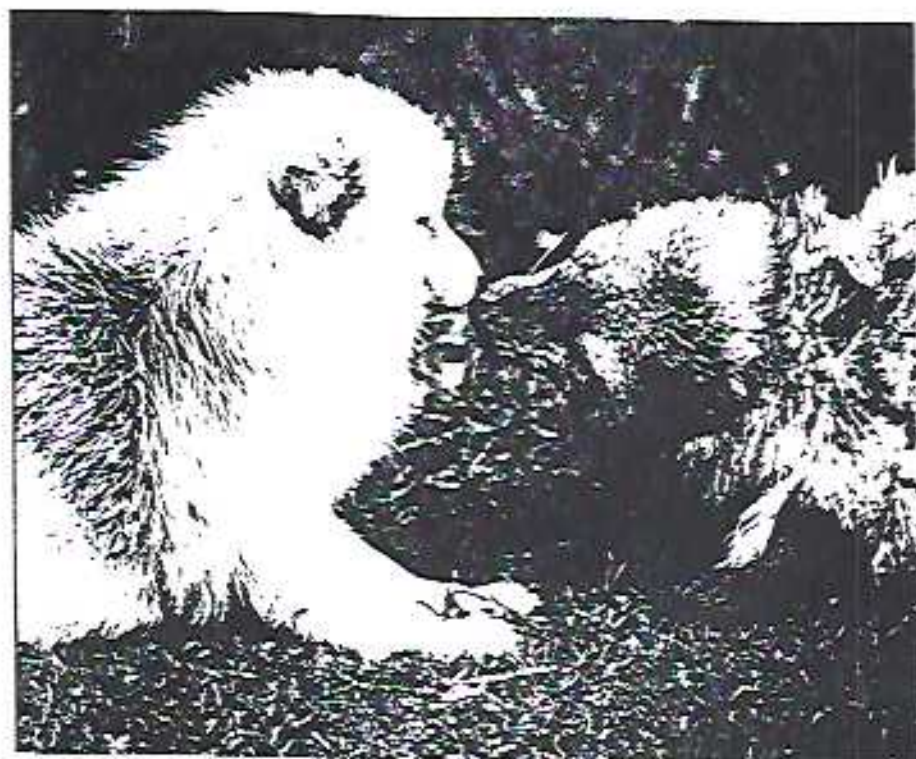


PACK FACTS

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Shadow Fox 1985-1996



It is with much regret that I inform you of the death of Shadow, our male Arctic Fox. Shadow was found the morning of Friday, April 12, unable to rise, by Tom McMahon, Wolf Haven Animal Care staff member. Curator Jack Laufer, and veterinarian Dr. Jerry Brown were notified immediately, and Shadow was rushed to the Yelm Veterinary Hospital. Once there, Dr. Brown attempted to draw blood in an effort to ascertain the cause of Shadow's problem. Unfortunately, Shadow's blood pressure was too low for the vet to successfully draw the required amount of blood. At this point it was determined that his condition was terminal, and the kindest

option would be to euthanize him immediately. Shadow fox died quietly at the veterinary hospital around noon on Friday, April 12, 1996.

It seems that Shadow's age was the main reason for his death. Over the past several months Shadow's health has been a constant roller coaster. He has suffered from arthritis or other age-related problems that have bothered his hips, at times making it too painful to walk. As a result of these problems, Shadow spent some of his days and nights in the vet center in an attempt to keep him warm and dry. During these visits, many people in the office, as well as Animal Care staff, got to know him a little better. While always irritated by being crated inside, Shadow was strangely good natured about the whole experience.

Shadow was born in 1985 and was rescued from the fate of most fur farm animals when he found refuge at Wolf Haven in March of 1986. He has been housed with his companion Samantha since that time.

It is never easy to let go of our dear friends. Shadow has given us, and the thousands of people who visit every year, much joy and many beautiful memories which will continue to live on with all of us in their own unique way.

*Beth Church
Tom McMahon*