

Sirius

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WITH LARGE INQUISITIVE EYES and a coat the shade of terracotta, M1669 (Sirius) was an unforgettable sight. It wasn't easy to catch a good glance at him though – Sirius' wariness of humans made his gorgeous presence a treat mostly reserved for his companion, F1361 (Sedona).

Sirius was born in 2017 to a wild pack in New Mexico. At only one-and-a-half years old, the field team found him with a severely injured front leg. He was brought to the veterinary hospital where, unfortunately, he had to undergo an amputation procedure. After his surgery, Sirius was relocated to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge to join a female for breeding. Years later, the Saving Animals From Extinction program decided to find him a long-term home to comfortably retire.

At Wolf Haven, Sirius smoothly settled into the quiet of our sanctuary and swiftly bonded with Sedona. The two were often seen on trail camera footage, sleeping tightly together. Sadly, Sirius surprised us with a quick health decline over the winter. When we brought him to the clinic for an emergency check, he passed away. The emergency staff wasn't able to perform a necropsy, but preliminary findings indicated signs of diabetes mellitus.

Sirius' passing was truly a shock for the animal care team, but we are deeply honored to have offered him a peaceful home and a wonderful companion during his final years.

Run free, dear Sirius. We will always remember your breathtaking beauty and amazing strength.



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