

# Penn

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**I**N JANUARY, the sanctuary experienced a devastating loss when Penn, a black wolfdog with hints of grey, was humanely euthanized due to growing complications of prostate and bone cancer.

Before coming to Wolf Haven, Penn lived his entire life at the end of a short chain inside a very small chicken wire pen... but that all changed when we got his rescue call. His arrival couldn't have come at a better time – just two days before his future companion arrived and our annual turkey feast was served! Penn was understandably wary of our animal care staff early on, so his progress was monitored via remote camera. Even though he had stiffness in his joints, we saw him enjoying his enclosure and the other animals around him. He rolled on the grass, slept under the trees, and greatly enjoyed his fresh meat diet. He was finally home.

The day Penn was introduced to Ellie was definitely a crowning moment in seeing his personality shine. For a week, they stayed in neighboring enclosures, but Penn was already so smitten that he lay next to the fence closest to Ellie to sleep. Ellie's bold and confident personality allowed Penn to slowly grow his own confidence over time.

Gradually, Penn became a completely new wolfdog. He could play with a companion, chase ravens off his food caches, and finally learn to howl. Although his time at Wolf Haven was short, he lived a true sanctuary life. 🐾

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