

# C The Wolves



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# Physical Appearance



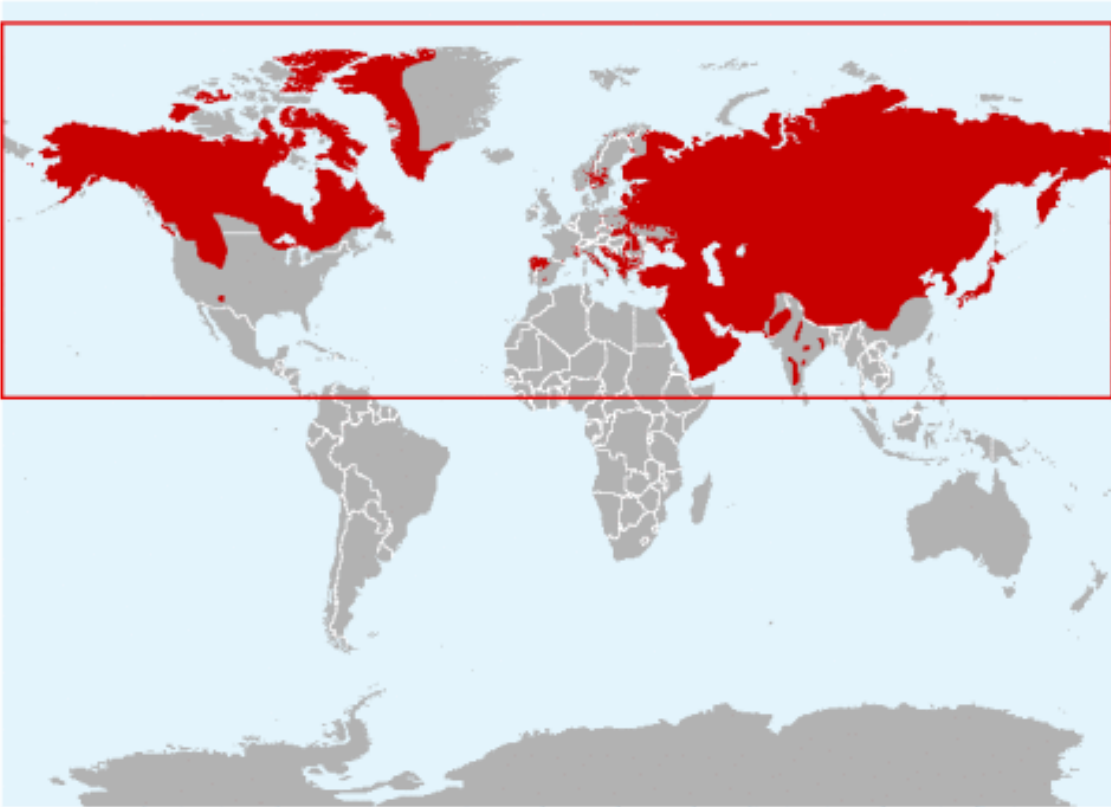
Wolves have lots of different colors. They have black, white, and gray fur. Some parts are red, yellow, and silver fur.

A male can weigh up to 100 pounds. A female weighs 85 pounds, that's 15 pounds less than a male wolf.

They are 3 feet from their paws to their shoulder. They are 5 to 6 feet from their back paw to their nose. Females are a little smaller than a male wolf.

Wolves weigh more than dogs and are taller than dogs. Wolves are very different from other animals.

# Habitat



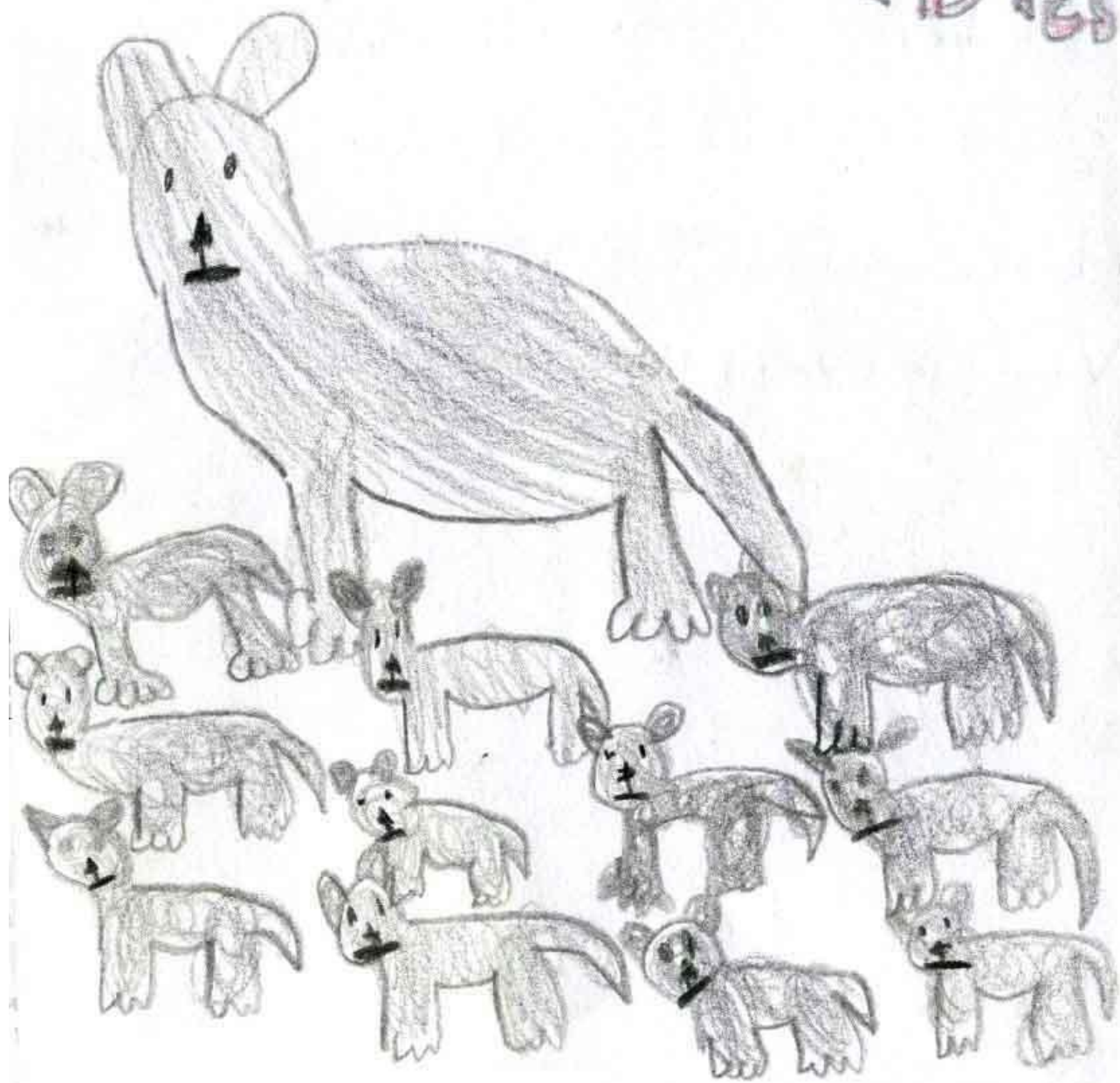
Wolves live in dens. The wolf pack lives in the den with the babies. When wolves dig a tunnel, it can be 15 feet long.

Some live in Colorado again. Some live in the northern United States, Canada, Alaska, Arctic, Asia, and Europe.

Wolves live in forests and mountains in the Northern hemisphere. Wolves live in interesting places.



# Breeding care and baby babies





Wolves can have up to 1 to 11 pups. The babies are born in the den. Wolf pups weigh 1 pound when they come out. A new wolf pup can not hear or see. When a wolf baby comes out, it drinks its mother's milk.

Two weeks after their birth they can see. Also, after three weeks they weigh 7 pounds. After 3 weeks, they can walk on four legs.

Four weeks after their birth, they can start eating meat. When a baby wolf is hungry it licks its mother's mouth.

Wolf pups like to play with each other. When they play they like to find objects, and they like to play a fighting game.

# Breeding ) Baby care and babies



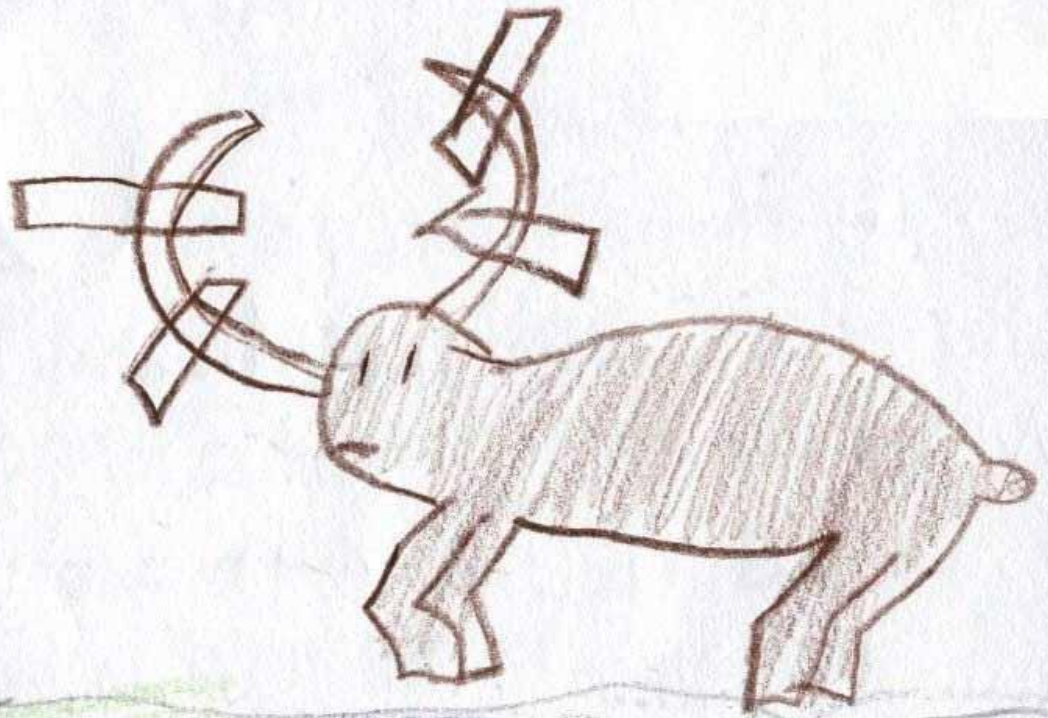
When they play a fighting game, whoever wins is more stronger than the other wolf pup that lost. Also, when wolf pups fight, they can get stronger.

When a wolf pup is ready to, they play fight with their parents. But, when they're older, they hunt with the pack. Wolf pups have to wait a long time to be good hunters.

When mother goes hunting, she gets someone to babysit them. So she gets a pup-sitter to watch them. A pup-sitter is not at the top of the wolf pack. Wolf babies are very interesting.



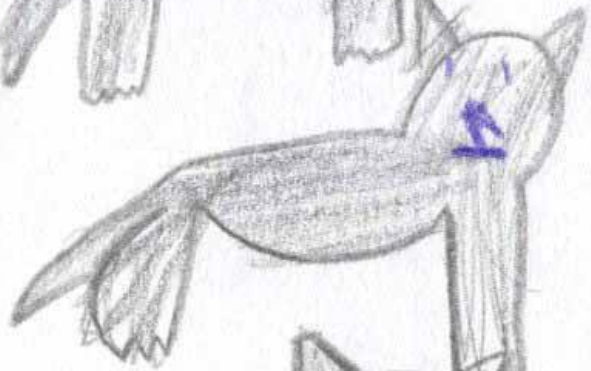
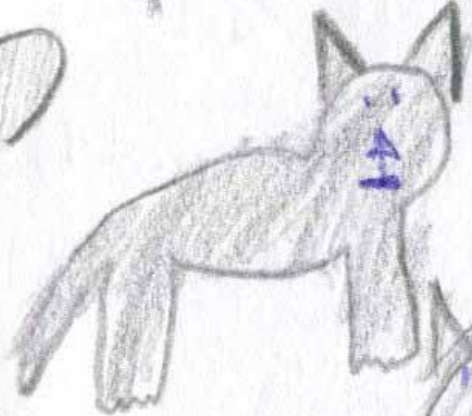
# Diet



A wolf is a carnivore. A wolf likes to eat bison, deer, elk, rabbit, mice, **carrion**, and sometimes fish.

If there is big prey, a big pack of wolves heads to catch it. A wolf can eat 20 pounds of meat at one meal. After they eat, they go to sleep. The animals that need a large group to catch them are moose, elk, and deer. Wolves eat a lot of things.

# interesting facts





Wolves and dogs are related. Wolves were the first dog. A wolf is a predator. Wolves were built for hunting. Wolves have to go miles to find food. The leader always eats first.

If there are more than 4 wolves, it is called a group or a family or a pack. Wolves live in packs because they have hard lives. Some wolves run away from their packs.

Wolves can communicate with sound, howling, and growling. Wolves howl because they need to claim their home and so they can say which den is there's. When a wolf touches another wolf, it means they're saying hi.

# interesting facts



An Arctic wolf has thick white fur so it can survive in the Arctic. If its fur was not thick, it could not survive in the Arctic. In winter it can be -75 degrees Fahrenheit.

Since their fur is so thick, it makes their legs look really thick. When the Arctic wolf goes to sleep, it puts its tail around its face.

When an Arctic wolf has its babies, its babies aren't white. Their babies are brownish gray. Some birds like eagles eat an Arctic baby wolf.



# interesting facts



Wolves do not live in very many places because people killed a lot. There is a chance that wolves almost became extinct.

If there is a snow storm, they can still sleep. Wolves like to go in water. Some other animals like bears fight wolves. Wolves have interesting lives.

# Glossary

**carrion:** dead animal or road kill

**den:** home, shelter, cave

**related:** family, pack, or group



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