

Wolves



What is a wolf?

- A wolf is a predatory animal. This means that they hunt for their food.
- They live in groups called packs, and hunt together.
- Wolves are from the same family of animals that includes dogs, foxes and coyotes.



What do wolves look like?



- They have upright ears, sharp, pointed muzzles and sharp eyes.
- They also have ruffs of long hair framing the sides of their faces, similar to sideburns.

Where do wolves live?

- Wolves are native to North America, Canada, Asia, Europe and the Arctic.
- Their most common habitat is in a forest.



What do wolves eat?



Wolves prey on large-hoofed animals, such as deer, moose and bison.

Baby wolves

- A baby wolf is known as a pup.
- Pups are born inside a den, which is a cave or hole in the ground.
- Wolves usually have a litter of 4-6 pups at a time.



How big are adult wolves?

- Once they are adults, wolves reach the height of 27-31 inches on all fours. This is approximately the height of a toddler.



How heavy are adult wolves?

The Grey Wolf weighs between 32 and 62 kilograms, which is approximately the weight of a teenage girl.



Wolf life, behaviour and personality

- Wolves have very strong jaws. This helps them to eat meat.
- Wolves walk on just their toe tips.
- They can reach a speed of up to 35 miles per hour. This is faster than a car driving around a town.
- Wolves have a highly developed sense of smell and hearing.

Endangered species

- Wildlife experts say that wolves are endangered. This means that they are in danger of extinction.
- This is due to habitat destruction, the introduction of exotic species, water pollution, global warming, and the over-use of natural resources.

