



The Wolf Print



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Two New Pups

We're adopting! We hope to welcome two little wolf pups to our pack. Their birth is expected during the first part of May, and hopefully they'll join us shortly after that. We'll keep you posted!



A Bigger Home

As many of you may know, we are expanding the wolves' home! The new pen will encompass one acre, making their home approximately six times larger. A BIG thanks goes out to all of our sponsors for helping to make this happen!! The "Sponsor a Pole" fundraiser has raised over \$2,500 that is going directly towards the purchase of a fence for the new enclosure. With a generous price break from Lynx Brand Fence Products and

continued fundraising efforts, we hope to have the fence up by the end of this spring.

We Are Moving!

.... And we're staying here. Our current location will still be open to the public and it will still be the wolves' home. But, we are excited to open a new interpretive center right on Highway 1 - making it easier for people to find us. Built of straw bales, the new building will be environmentally friendly, and have plenty of educational displays and interactive stations.

Columbia Valley Wolf Study

University of Alberta researcher Conrad Thiessen is conducting a non-invasive study of wolf packs in the Columbia Valley. Wolf lifestyle, habits, and range are being investigated by picking

up hair from bedding sites, recording tracks, and examining droppings. All samples are tested for DNA in order to determine whether there is a genetic relationship between the wolves inside park boundaries and those outside, to better understand where the packs come from and how they move. The conclusion of the study could have bearing on conservation issues. The more that we understand the wolves, the better we can protect them.

We Want Your Photos!

Not only do we love hearing from all of our visitors, but we love seeing your photos. Our display albums in the gift shop are in need of some fresh faces. Who knows.... your photos may even be immortalized on our website or in our brochure....

Just for Laughs

Little Red Riding Hood is skipping down the road when she sees a big wolf crouched down behind a log.

"My, what big eyes you have, Mr. Wolf."

The wolf jumps up & runs away.

Further down the road Little Red Riding Hood sees the wolf again and this time he is crouched behind a bush.

"My, what big ears you have, Mr. Wolf."

Again the wolf jumps up & runs away.

About two miles down the road Little Red Riding Hood sees the wolf again and this time he is crouched down behind a rock.

"My, what big teeth you have Mr. Wolf."

With that the wolf jumps up and yells, "Will you knock it off, I'm trying to poop!"



Conservation Issues

The wolf is not the only large predator in British Columbia to be victim to bureaucracy and ignorance. The grizzly, too, is viewed as a North American "flagship" species, and although it is listed as vulnerable or threatened across its whole habitat, there are no regulations to protect grizzlies. Indeed, the BC government is actually weakening or eliminating altogether regulations that protect its habitat, despite the fact that the amount of tourist dollars spent in BC to view grizzlies is more than twice that of the sport hunt. However, in January 2004, the European Union voted unanimously to suspend imports of grizzly hunting trophies from BC. At least other governments care!

Keep visiting our website for the hot conservation issues that affect all of us.

Become a Pack Member

In our continuing efforts to expand our facilities and to improve the plight of wolves in the wild, we are changing the structure of our "Sponsor A Pole" membership drive.

All of our Pole Sponsors are honorary pack members already! And, if you wish to continue to support the wolves on an annual basis, you will receive quarterly updates via our Wolf Print news, pictures, and special discounts and offers.

This is how our new annual membership will work:

- \$100 = Alpha Member
- \$ 75 = Beta Member
- \$ 50 = Omega Member
- \$ 25 = Puppy Membership

Be an ongoing member of our pack and you'll also receive the eternal gratitude of Aspen, Maya, Tuk, & Wiley!

We hope you enjoyed the first issue of the Wolf Print! Over the next few months, we will be making some major updates to our website... so come and check us out.



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