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A SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE ALPHA PAIR

Casey & I would like to take this time to thank our sponsors for their support throughout this year, and we hope you consider continuing to support our efforts. Our success is due in part to people like you, who give generously in trust that we will do something worthwhile... and your support allows us to fulfill this dream. All the best in the New Year! - Shelley Black

Mo's Update

Mo continues to grow and amuse us. He has long, lanky legs and stands taller than either of the two females. He also never sits still - when we try to photograph him, he bounces around like a kangaroo, always eager to be on the move. His distinctive feature is a crooked tooth: the lower left fang hooks his lip into a permanent snarl, just like Billy Idol. On the trail, he loves sneaking up behind you, nipping your calf, then taking off ahead... the little fart. What can we say - we love him to death!



image. Now Moab has finished his training run as ambassador, visiting numerous elementary and high schools in Golden, Banff, Canmore, and Calgary in October and November. The presentations were tailor-made, put together after consultation with the teachers and designed to complement the curriculum. Moab was a star, leaving his bad boy image behind at the Wolf Centre, and showing us he knows how to be charming and well-behaved. He made a huge impression on his young hosts. Glenn Nelson of Banff Elementary told us, "...from all accounts, you guys were wonderful!". Have him come to your school! Contact us for more info....

Red Tape & All That

Finally! Our new interpretive centre on Highway 1 has the green light, and construction has already begun. We have been fundraising with this as one of our goals, and now we are howling for joy. Come spring, the straw bales will be going up, and the new centre is due to open June 2005. We have bought the bales, hired the straw bale consultant - now we're just waiting for the snow to melt (4 months and counting..).

Good Question!

Q: How good is a wolf's eyesight?

A: You will find a lot of contradictory information out there! Although we can never really know how another animal sees, it is believed that wolves have very keen sight - at least as good as ours in the day... and much better at night. Night vision is enhanced by having reflective retinas that gather light inside the eyeball (humans don't), and also by having a greater concentration of "rods" (sensors that we all rely on for night vision). It is also thought they do see colour, especially reds and yellows. Being predators, they are quick to detect the slightest movement of anything in front of them. Like other predators, including ourselves, their eyes face forward, giving them binocular vision which is essential for depth perception (very useful when chasing something). Some biologists believe their peripheral vision is as wide as 250 degrees, but it is at least 180 degrees (like ours). Compare this to prey species like deer, whose eyes are on the side; they may not have the same acuity and depth perception, but their peripheral vision can span more than 300 degrees (very useful in detecting predators)..

Mo Goes to School

We are very excited about our growing education program. Mo's big brother, Wiley, has been acting ambassador for the past two years, visiting schools and meeting students in an important effort to turn around the "Big Bad Wolf"

Through the Eyes of our Young Visitors



By Samira Music

Samira Music is an enthusiastic wolf lover that is also one of our puppy sponsors.



Tessa Henderson is missing the wolves, hopes they're doing okay, and thinks of them always.

Conservation Issues

With so many petitions out there, we need to find a way to make our voices heard. Many of you know that we have been working on organizing a petition to stop the slaughter of wolves in Canada, and to legalize the use of karelian Bear Dogs in British Columbia. Well, many other organizations are also working for wolf and bear conservation ... why work separately towards a common goal?

We are so pleased to announce that we are joining forces with the Raincoast Conservation Society (www.raincoast.org). Just think - between the two, we'll have the province covered, from the coast to the Rockies. We will be calling on all our visitors and sponsors to help us in this fight, so please consider adding your name to the cause... we'll keep you posted.

Be a Pack Member

You can help promote wolf awareness, help to educate people, and help change legislation to protect our wilderness.

Annual membership includes quarterly updates via our Wolf Print news, pictures, and special discounts and offers.

This is how it works:

\$ 100 = Alpha Member
\$ 75 = Beta Member
\$ 50 = Omega Member
\$ 20 = Puppy Member

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

IMPORTANT NOTE TO OUR SPONSORS:

If you never received your sponsor package or one of the quarterly updates since the spring, we would really like to know! Please contact us as soon as possible.

Photographer's Forum

Here is a sampling of the fun we have on our hikes with photographers... Jackie and Cher Figeil from Calgary booked a hike this past summer, and had such a great experience that they immediately booked a second one for the next day! They had the honour of accompanying Moab on his very first hike.



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