



# The Wolf Print



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## Mo's Update

Moab celebrated his first birthday at the beginning of May 2005! Now weighing about 85lb (40kg), his growth has slowed down a lot, but he will continue to mature and put on pounds until about the age of three years. He has an under-bite and a crooked lower canine tooth, giving him a "tough" but goofy look.

Mo has a very dominant personality, and we figure it is only a matter of time before he moves up in the ranks. He is testing his limits with Wiley, Maya, and Aspen, but is consistently submissive with Tuk, even to the point of groveling. At the moment, Tuk holds the position of Beta.

Mo has his own update page, so continue to visit us on the web for the most current info.



**Moab LOVES going for hikes! Roaming the Columbia River Wetlands, he is walking in the footsteps of his wild cousins.**

## There Are Wolves at Panorama!

Although our much-anticipated second location on Highway 1 near Golden is not becoming a reality this year, we have some very exciting news! Panorama Mountain Village in Invermere, BC is playing host to our wolves.

The Grey Wolf is the icon for the resort, and they are keen to have an attraction for their visitors that is a fun learning experience as well.

With a presence in Invermere, it allows us to fully develop our educational program for the school districts in that part of the valley.

As for the proposed Highway 1 location, we keep thinking we're out of the woods, and then keep running into more red tape... So, it is still a consideration for the future, but operating the Panorama centre will take as much energy and resources as any other location, and it is our new second "home"!

## Lucy's Birthday

Lucy from Cochrane celebrated her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday in May. Lucy had visited the Wolf Centre recently and had fallen in love with the wolves.

The amazing, generous 9-year-old heart of Lucy decided to collect donations for the wolves instead of collecting birthday presents for herself. She & her friends raised \$260 – can you hear the wolves howling with joy? We thought everyone should know about her thoughtful gesture.

## Good Question!

**Q:** Is it true that wolves howl at the full moon?

**A:** Well... yes – and no! They certainly howl when there is a full moon, but they also howl several times per day, every day and evening and night. You could say they howl at the quarter moon and the morning sun, too!

Where does that myth come from anyway? There is a lot of mystery around the power of a full moon that is at the root of many myths, and many ancient ceremonies revolved around a full moon. The brilliant light cast by a full moon helps our night vision tremendously, and probably meant that we humans were more active too, and more likely to hear and see the nocturnal creatures. Why do wolves howl to begin with? How about you tell us! Send us an email with your answer...

We are posting a trivia question regularly on our website, so enter for a chance to win a prize from our gift shop!

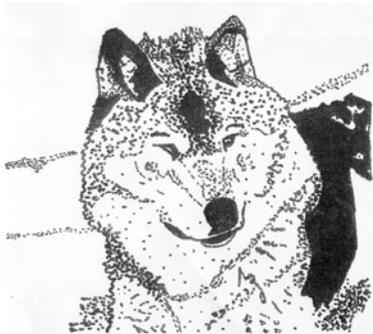
## Wolf Wisdom

An elder Cherokee Native American was teaching his grandchildren about life. One day, he took them to the top of a mountain, and said to them, "A fight is going on inside me... It is a terrible fight, and it is between two wolves. One wolf represents fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, pride and superiority. The other wolf stands for joy, peace, love, hope, sharing, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, friendship, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside of you and every other person too."

They thought about it for a minute and then one child asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one I feed."

*"Wiley" by Jaden, age 12*



## Conservation Issues

In Norway, the wolf is listed as critically endangered. Yet in January 2005, the Norwegian government declared a wolf cull, stating a need to protect the country's domestic livestock.

The wolf population in Norway is estimated to be 20 individuals. The cull calls for the destruction of 5 wolves. That is 25% of the entire population!

Sheep farming may cover more than 90% of Norway's territory, but there is a very healthy population of moose and reindeer, numbering as high as 300,000. This prey base should be enough to support about 800 wolves.

Yet another example of misguided government policy, bending to the powerful ranching lobby, and in complete opposition to their own endangered species act...

## 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.

\$250 = Wolf Pack

\$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!



*The photo on the left captured the end of a big, wet kiss. The wolf is Wiley, and the human is Terry. The photo session took place at the end of May, 2005.*

*Terry is a generous sponsor of the Wolf Centre, and our new enclosure at Panorama Mountain Village is dedicated in loving memory of his wife, Lisa.*

*For info about photo sessions, contact Blackwolf Photography at [blackwolf@redshift.bc.ca](mailto:blackwolf@redshift.bc.ca) or 1-877-377-WOLF.*



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