

Important Dates

Oct 16th to 22nd 2011 - Wolf Awareness Week

Feb 2nd 2011 - World Wetlands Day

March 21st 2011 - World Forestry Day

March 21st 2011 - World Water Day

March 31st 2011 - Earth Hour @ 8:30pm

April 30th 2011 - Earth Day

June 2011 - Open house - Father's day weekend



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

Help us reach our goals:

- Expand the facility to include interactive and educational exhibits about wolves and the environment
 - Continued petition of government to protect top predators
 - And, of course, the care and feeding of our wolf pack

Your Name and/or Business Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____

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Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

Renewal Yes! I wish to receive "The Wolf Print" by email

T-Shirt Size (if applicable): Adult - S M L XL Youth - S M L XL Kids - 2T 3T 4T

Adopt A Wolf \$75

- Aspen Moab Willow
 Maya Keehta Mack
 Wiley Tuk Moki

Pack Membership

- Wolf Pack \$250
 Alpha Pack Member \$100
 Beta Pack Member \$50
 Puppy Pack Member \$20

Howling Wolf

- Wolf Guardian \$1000

Receive a photo session for 2

Northern Lights Wildlife Wolf Centre

The Wolf Print

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What's New

New Puppies: Moki & Mack



We are excited to welcome 2 new arrivals. July we introduced Mack & Moki to the pack. At 8 weeks old the brother and sister were already getting big. Maya was quick to take the pups under her paw; teaching them the ways of the pack. Mack and Moki are quickly settling into their new home, they are still very shy and nervous around people. We look forward to learning more about their personalities as they grow!

The New Wolf Print!

We are pleased to present our new Wolf Print format. As of this fall we will be creating bi-annual issues of the Wolf Print. The new issues will be packed full of updates and new information, and upcoming events to look forward to!



Pack Membership includes a bi-annual newsletter, photos, and other assorted goodies

Adopt a Wolf from our pack and you will receive photos of your wolf, updates and stories in spring and fall via our newsletter, and the undying devotion of your sponsored wolf... *Sponsorship may be renewed annually A howling thanks!*

Centre News

Willow Update

BLG thanks to everyone who has supported Willow's transition to her new home. After some growing pains, and a few disagreements with others, Willow has finally settled into her role in the Northern Lights Pack. She has joined Moab & Keehta, and is very happy to be with her new pack mates.



We regret to inform you that our dear Tuk passed away this June at the age of 12. He was our oldest male wolf and an important member of our pack. He had the chance to educate thousands of people every year about wolf issues in North America.

Tuk, you will always stay in our heart.

Year In Review

The wolf Centre has had another successful year; we have had a few changes with staff. Sadie Parr is no longer with us; she has taken on her own wolf adventure, after working with us since 2007. We would like to thank Rachel, Dave, Jenness, Mo, Alannah, Kristy & Lisa for getting us through another summer and volunteer's Lutz from Germany and Lara our new local student volunteer. We have also lost our oldest male wolf Tuk our Shy guy. For me and Casey it was like losing a son, he will always be our bear of light. In light we rescued Willow that is now fitting in with Keehta and Moab. Also Moki and Mack are going to be a big challenge for Casey and myself as they have not been imprinted. I also want to thank all the schools that brought Aspen in for 2010 and 2011. Thanks to all our supporters. Keep checking out the web page for more updates, and watch out for your Christmas package! All the best!

Alpha Female Shelley Black



Wolf Awareness Week

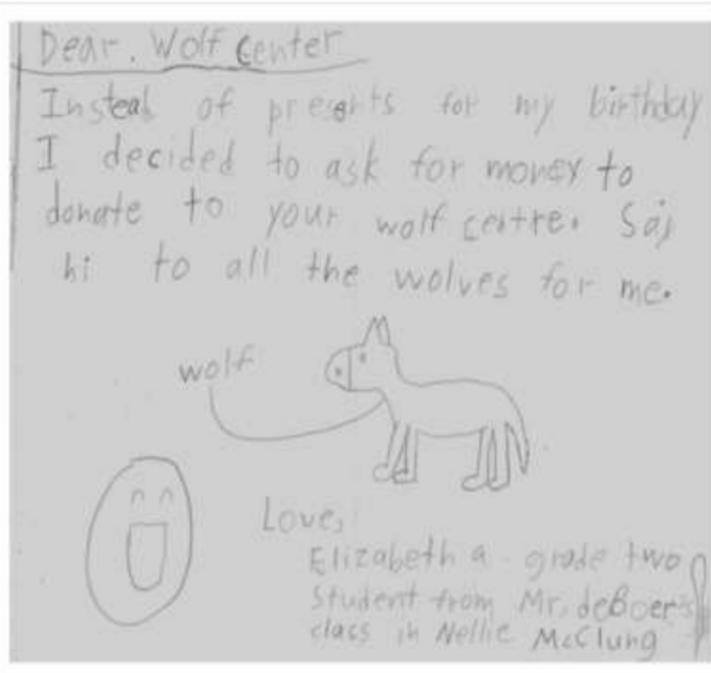
October 16th to 22nd



Our mandate this year for Wolf Awareness Week is to help the Canadian Wolf Coalition to get the press releases into local newspapers and national newspapers in British Columbia. We want to spread the word about the new hunting regulations as well as the sterilization of wolves up in northern British Columbia. We would like also to tell people about the shooting of wolves from helicopters in the name of woodland caribou in Alberta and the bounties on wolves.

Another big part of our mandate this year will be to pile up and to sort all of the BC wolf cull petitions that people signed over the last year. As well as producing a new Bear Dog petition. After having a meeting with MLA Norm McDonald on September 14th, he finally decided to take our petitions, so that they can make changes concerning the Wolf Cull as well as using Bear Dogs in British Columbia.

We will keep our fingers crossed and work as hard as we can to collect as many signatures as possible so that changes finally find their way in our laws.



Contest

Send us your best pictures of Tuk to be used for his memorial plaque.

You could win a Wolf Coalition t-shirt!!!



Works of Art



Puppies Corner

A Howling Thanks!!

We would like to thank all of the fantastic kids who have adopted a wolf or joined our pack! A howling thanks to:

- 🐾 All the students and teachers of Maple Ridge School of Calgary who raised \$500 for the wolves!
- 🐾 Aiden, 6 years old, from Sir Alexander Mackenzie School who after receiving a visit from Aspen in his school, set-up a donation kiosk to raise money for our wolves! With all his great efforts, Aiden raised \$50 for the care of our wolves.
- 🐾 Ridley Horton and Oliver Betteridge
- 🐾 Alexandra Theobald for sponsoring Wiley
- 🐾 Lucy and her family for her incredible support over the years
- 🐾 Maisy Southron who's now a puppy pack member

In The Moon Light

Harmony with land is like harmony with a friend; you cannot cherish his right hand and chop off his left.
- Aldo Leopold

Photographer's Forum



Mack and Moki asking for food,
by Asia Jones.



Wiley through the fence, by
David Mitchelle



NLW Summer
Staff 2011

Christmas Gift Ideas

- * Sponsor a Wolf for a friend or loved one
- * Gift Certificate for a Photo Session
- * Check out our website for cool gift ideas from our Gift Shop!





The Wolf Scat



Conservation Updates & News

Livestock VS Predators

In August of 2009 BC's Ministry of Agriculture and Lands & the Ministry of Environment provided \$1.55 million in funding over 3 years for the BC Wild Predator Loss Prevention Mitigation Pilot Program. The Program is administered by the BC Agriculture Research and Development Corporation (ARDCorp).

The goals of the program are to:

- Develop prevention measures
- Investigation & verification of predator harassment, injuries, or killing of livestock
- Implementation of targeted predator control strategies

There is also some effort to place a level of responsibility on the producer, as the wildlife specialists may refuse payment for a verified kill if they feel there are poor husbandry practices occurring. Last year the Program paid out approximately \$50,000 in compensation to landowners for verified depredation events and \$57,000 in contracted wildlife specialists.

Many groups including the Cattlemen's Association feel that the education of husbandry practices is one of the best methods of living with predator. Kyle Lay, a wildlife control specialist of Williams Lake, says "One of the most valuable lessons learned is that simply killing wolves for being wolves doesn't stop livestock losses. In contrast removing only the offending predator has proven effective and that if you can keep a group of non-problem wolves in a territory, they will be the best gate keepers a ranch can have, better than any guard dog or gun".

Unfortunately the Wild Predator Loss Prevention Mitigation Pilot Program has an end date of December 2011 leaving the province with no predator loss program in place. This program has been quite successful, and we are hoping that the government will continue to support livestock producers by providing compensation of losses, and creating education programs.

For further information check out: Husbandry Practices – The Cattlemen's Association at www.cattlemen.bc.ca

"Hired trappers can be more effective but many biologists doubt that recovery objectives can be met without resorting to shooting wolves from helicopters, which they consider to be the most effective and human approach."

B.C Government and their B.C Predator-Prey Management Plan

Rehabilitation of Predators Prohibited

Update from Alberta Wildlife Rehabilitation

Alberta's Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) had issued a notice of regulations titled Schedule A in June of 2010 to Wildlife Rehabilitation Societies across Prairie Provinces and the northern region that basically stated that they could no longer rehab a long list of wildlife and that upon arrival of these species they were to be killed. This list included endangered species and migratory birds, of which other Canadian laws prohibited the killing of. This contradiction to existing Acts and obvious ethical compromise resulted in the outrage of people who became aware of the policy and after a year of letters, phone calls and complaints the government changed the policy.

The new regulations prohibit the rehabilitation of wolves, cougars, black bears and coyotes. An apparent hate for predators maybe? The reasoning may be due to the unwanted habituation of these animals. But scientific evidence supports repeatedly that they can be rehabilitated without habituating them. Governments from other countries support the rehabilitation of bears for example. Wolves are a species unlikely to end up at a rehabilitation facility, this is due to the strong family bonds where orphaned pups will be raised by other members of the pack and injured animals will also be taken care of by their family unit. But still, this regulation is just another example of our policy makers displaying their lack of value for predators our keystone species.

Since the fuss that was displayed by the public in reaction to the 2010 regulations, changed the policies; possibly by raising a fuss we can change the current ones too! Help us out and let your voice be heard.

UPDATE: BC's New Wolf Hunting Regulations

As of June 15, 2011 BC Fish and Wildlife has opened hunting season on wolves in the Caribou Region (Region 5). There is now **No Closed Season** and **No Bag Limit** for wolf hunting in the Management Units of 5-1 to 5-6 and 5-12 to 5-15. The changes will also allow for the year round trapping of wolves in Management Unit 5-1 to 5-6 and 5-12 to 5-14 with restrictions to leg-hold traps only from April 1 – Oct 14.

Wolf hunting regulations in our neck of the woods, Region 4 the Kootenays, remains the same. There is no bag limit between Sept 1 – June 15 in 16 Management Units, and no closed season on wolf hunting below 1100m in 17 Management Units.

For further reading check out "Regulation Changes Leaves Wolf Killing Wide Open" by Carole Rooney -100 Mile House Free Press

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Kyle Lay of Williams Lake, Wildlife Control Specialist



