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Panorama Update

Our new wolf centre at Panorama Mountain Village in Invermere, BC has had a successful first summer, hosting over 4,000 visitors in three months. This new location is allowing us to reach more people, and helping bring wolf education programs closer to schools in that area.

Moab, our 1-year-old “pup”, and Maya, our 6-year-old female, were the two wolves that called Panorama home for the summer. They are reuniting with their pack in Golden at the beginning of October – a greeting that everyone is looking forward to!

The Panorama location closes temporarily this fall, and is scheduled to re-open by December 10.



Maya (on the right) & Moab cavorting in a field of dandelions in July. It is on account of their close relationship that these two were chosen as ambassadors for the Panorama location.

Farewell to Lisa!

Some of our visitors from the past couple of years may remember Lisa, our tall, blonde/red/brunette wildlife biologist/interpreter extraordinaire. She has put a lot of energy into the Wolf Centre over two years, helping to develop and deliver our outreach programs for schools, and speaking to thousands of visitors about wolves. Needing more time with her family in Calgary, leaving was a hard decision for her and is a great loss for us.

The good news is that she will still be delivering our school programs in the Calgary area for the upcoming season. Farewell and see you soon Lisa!



Bear Dog Petition

The fight has begun! A petition calling for an amendment to the BC Wildlife Act will be presented by our MLA, Norm MacDonald, to the

legislature in the Spring of 2006. The amendment would allow for trained handlers to use trained Karelian Bear Dogs to teach BC “problem” bears to respect and avoid human territory. The dogs essentially chase bears out of human spaces, establishing a territorial boundary. One such program, called “Bear Shepherding”, has proven to be successful in the states and provinces that use it as part of their bear management.

Currently, according to the BC Wildlife Act, it is harassment to chase a bear with a dog. This rule makes it illegal even for a conservation officer, for the purposes of bear conservation, to use a dog to chase a bear. Bears are destroyed instead - this province destroys an average of 1,000 bears each year. Bears are attracted to human areas largely because of the careless disposal of garbage, and other common community attractants.

If the proposed amendment goes through, it will open the door to programs like Bear Shepherding, aimed at teaching bears, not killing them. Educating and cleaning up the communities that attract bears, in combination with versatile programs like Bear Shepherding, will ultimately result in fewer bears destroyed because of people’s mistakes. Help us by signing the petition!

Wolf
Words
& Art



"Only the mountain has lived long enough to listen objectively to the howl of a wolf."

Aldo Leopold

"What one fears, one destroys..."

Chief Dan George

"Wiley" by Samira



Conservation Issues

Good news for a change! The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has made a move to protect wolves and coyotes of central and northern Ontario. The imposition of a closed hunting season (from April to September) and the requirement of special game tickets are two new rules aimed at keeping the numbers of these predators at healthy levels.

We encourage those of you from Ontario to write to the MNR and congratulate them for such a ruling.

Wolves across the rest of Canada need the same support... if you care about our wilderness and our wildlife, please, write to the provincial and federal governments, and encourage them to make some changes, pointing out Ontario as an example.

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

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