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The wolf is a carnivore. They are the largest of the canine family. Its name comes from the Latin word *lupus* and means animal that howls. **Wolves are the top of the food chain.**

Lifespan of a wolf is from 6 to 12

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Wolves are the only canines that mate once a year and have a litter of 6-8 pups. Even though all members of a wolf pack help raise the cubs, they have a mortality of 50%.

Its coat is made of two layers, making it thick, and heavy; wolves rub against rocks and branches to lose some of its

They weigh between 18 to 80 kg. Females are smaller.

Its sense of smell is 100 times better than that of a human.

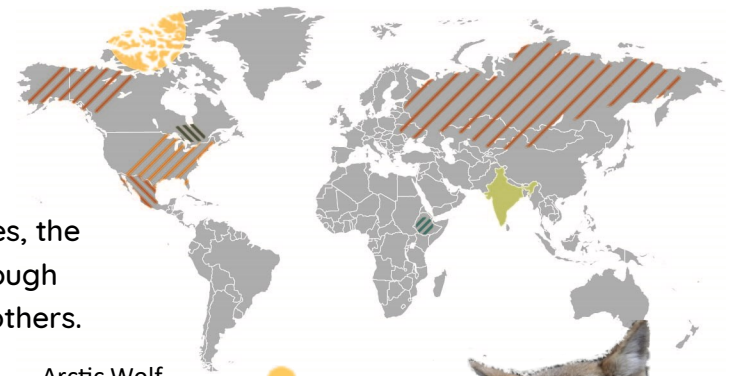
Wolves have 42 teeth. Its fangs measure 6cm.

Their bite is powerful. Its jaws can break the bones of a moose.

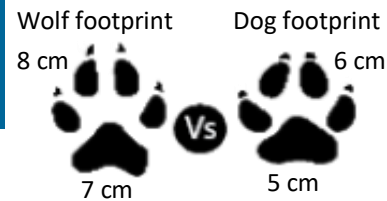


They live in different parts of the world because they can live in icy and desert climates depending on the species.

There are two known wolf species, the gray wolf and the red wolf, although some researchers refer to four others.



- Arctic Wolf
- Gray Wolf
- Red Wolf
- Indian Wolf
- Ethiopian Wolf
- Canadian Red Wolf



The wolf's footprint is larger, has longer pads, and marked nails than a dog.

Wolves howl to indicate its position, define its territory, or to call the pack. Its howl can be heard for miles.

Howling at the full moon is a myth without any scientific evidence.

Social hunters

They eat the prey they hunt, which could be deer, rabbits, otters, or cattle. When food is scarce, they can eat snakes, lizards, fish, even fruits, and plants. Wolves consume up to 20 pounds of meat in one meal.

They live in packs. Its social structure is defined by a hierarchy, in which the strongest is the leader, he is called an alpha male, and his partner is the female beta. The lowest is omega.

Each pack has between 6 and 20 members. When there is abundant food, two packs can coexist in the same territory. In times of scarcity, the lower-ranking wolves struggle to feed.

When hunting, they ambush their prey. Wolves can run up to 35 miles per hour, but usually, they don't run at more than 5 mph.

