

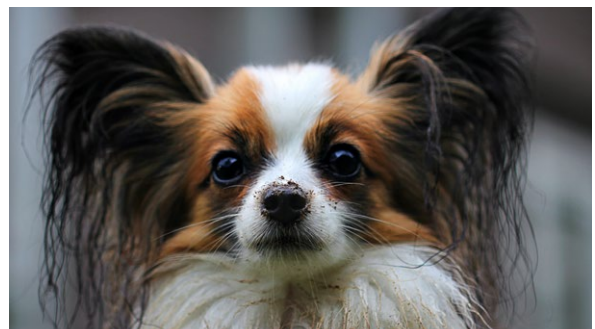
Wolves

Discovery Sack Fact Cards



Wolves

Wolves are part of the 'canine' group of animals. This means they are part of the same family as pet dogs. Wolves are wild dogs. There are lots of other members of the wild dog family, such as coyotes, dingoes, foxes and African painted dogs.



Wolf Pack

Wolves like to live in family groups. These family groups are called 'packs'. There are usually about 6 wolves in these packs but sometimes there can be as many as 30. Each pack is usually made up of one male, one female and their young.



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Wolf Pups

Baby wolves are called 'pups'. Wolves have their babies in a den which is often a cave or a hole in the ground. Sometimes they go back to the same den each year. When the babies are born, they are very small and can't hear or see anything. All of the adult wolves help to take care of the pups. At first, the wolves just drink milk from their mother, but as they grow, other members of the pack take turns to bring them food.



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Hunting

Wolves are carnivores; this means that they eat meat. If they are hunting on their own, they will usually catch small animals such as rabbits, squirrels or hares. Often, they work together in their pack to catch larger animals, such as moose and yaks. Wolves are nocturnal, which means that they tend to sleep during the day and hunt at night.



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Howl

Wolves communicate with each other in lots of different ways. They often howl to warn other wolf packs that they are there. They also leave scent markings. This means that they leave a special smell on trees and rocks. When other wolves smell the scent, they know that another wolf has been there. Wolves also bark and whimper to communicate



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Wolf Types

Wolves live in lots of different parts of the world. They are able to live in hot climates and cold climates. There are different kinds of wolves, which all look a little bit different to each other. In the wild, wolves usually live for about 6 to 8 years. The main threat to wolves are human hunters.



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