



### **Interesting Wolf Facts**

- There are approximately 52,000 wolves in Canada and approximately 8,000 wolves in BC. We have a stable wolf population in BC & Canada
- Wolves howl to bring the pack together, to gather for a hunt, in the morning as they socially bond, warn off other wolf packs, to attract a mate. They do not howl at the full moon. They can hear other howls as far away as 10 miles
- They have incredible olfactory senses. They can smell prey up to 2 km away.
- Their territories can range from 50 square km to 1,000 square miles.
- Pack size can range from 2-42 members. Average is 5-14 members.
- The largest wolf found was 172 lbs. a male shot in Alaska.
- Wolves when dispersing from their natal pack have wandered up to 800km to establish their own pack & territory.
- Wolves are usually born in late March in BC but for every 10 degrees of latitude, the birth day is extended for 22 days. Arctic wolves are born in early May.
- Wolves can eat up to 20% of their body weight at each feeding. A typical wolf stomach can hold up to 10kg of meat. Wolves also have the ability to fast for weeks when prey is scarce.
- Wolves seldom live past 5 years in the wild but there have been some wolves which live up to 12 years.

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