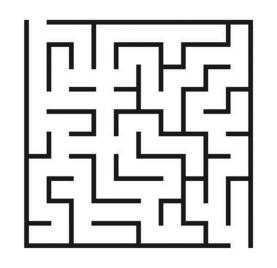


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WORD SEARCH



Help the mother wolf back to her pups!



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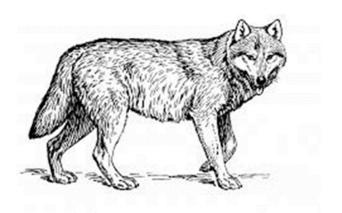
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| Pup | Harvey | Howl |

Wild wolves can be grey, black, and rarely white. Use your imagination to color these wolves your favorite colors!



- Wolves live in families called packs made of parents and their children
- Adult wolves can be 26-32 inches tall at the shoulder, and four to six feet long! Mature males weigh about 110 pounds on average and females weigh about 90 pounds
- Wolves can run about 5 miles per hour on average, but can run as fast as 35 miles per hour!
- Wolves are generalist predators, but they mostly eat deer in California. They can eat as much as 10-20 pounds of meat at one meal!
- Wolves in California have territories as big as 500 square miles!
- Pups are born in April, with 5 being an average size litter. Many pups will leave their pack to find a new territory when they are 1-4 years old.







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How to tell a wolf from a coyote:

Coyote (Canis latrans)

Narrow pointed face, small nose pad Tall, pointed ears 21-24" tall at shoulder Weight 15-50 pounds Coat gray or reddish brown

Gray wolf (Canis lupus)

Broad and blocky face, large nose pad Rounded ears 26-32" tall at shoulder Weight 70-150 pounds Grizzled gray is most common coat color but can be mostly or all black



Wolves (back) are larger than coyotes (middle) and red foxes (front)

Image source: National Parks Service / Michael Warner



Wolf tracks can be this size, or even bigger!



Gray wolves have returned to California for the first time in almost 100 years. In 2011, a GPS-collared wolf (OR-7, also known as Journey) dispersed to California temporarily from Oregon. In the past ten years since the first pack was established, the California wolf population has increased and as of 2025 there are ten known packs in California, composed of about 50-70 total wolves! As the population of wolves increases in California, conflicts between wolves and livestock producers are probable. The California Wolf Foundation is a nonprofit organization that intends to promote wolf conservation through distribution of educational information, support for humane management practices to reduce conflict with humans, and to provide support for research and habitat preservation efforts in California.