

THE LIFESTYLE AND LOCOMOTION OF WOLVES

The natural range of the modern wolf (*Canis lupus*) extends across Eurasia and North America. Within it, the animals face extremely varied living conditions. Climate, food supply and, not least, the proximity of the wolves' habitat to that of humans demand place-specific behavior patterns. The various populations and subspecies of wolf thus differ accordingly in size, body shape, color and lifestyle. A population is a group of individuals of one species in a particular area which form a common gene pool. A wolf from Italy looks and behaves differently to one from North America. Most of what is known about wolves today stems from observations of individual populations from North America, Eastern Europe and Italy – just small pockets of the enormous distribution area.



Wolf distribution

- Recent natural range
- Former natural range



The Arctic Wolf (*Canis lupus arctos*) still lives on the Canadian Arctic Archipelago and on the north and east coasts of Greenland. Withers height: 65-80 cm, weight: 50-80kg.



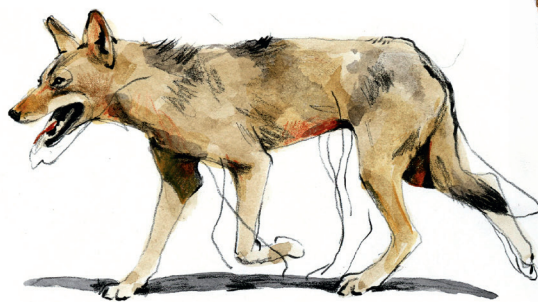
The Mackenzie Valley Wolf (*Canis lupus occidentalis*) was once found in Western USA and Canada up to Alaska. In Western USA it today just lives in Yellowstone National Park and reintroduced in Idaho. Withers height: up to 90 cm, weight: 45-65 kg.



The Italian Wolf (*Canis lupus italicus*) used to be found all over Italy and Sicily. Today it only occurs in the Apennines from Calabria to Liguria and in the western Alps. Withers height: up to 70 cm, weight: up to 35 kg



The Eurasian Wolf (*Canis lupus lupus*) is found in parts of Central Europe, Scandinavia, Russia, China, Mongolia and the Himalayas. Withers height: up to 60-80 cm, weight: 30-70 kg.



The Arabian Wolf (*Canis lupus arabs*) is found on the Arabian Peninsula but is now facing extinction. Withers height: up to 65 cm, weight: up to 20 kg.



The Indian Wolf (*Canis lupus pallipes*) is found in India, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran and is extremely endangered. Withers height: up to 65 cm, weight: up to 20 kg.