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Conservation through education



Howl of the timber wolf

Successful reintroduction boosts target number to as many as 500
excerpted from article by Ron Seely, the WI State Journal, December 21, 1997

The howl of the timber wolf may echo more frequently through Wisconsin forests in years to come.

The state's chief wolf biologist said last week that a wolf recovery plan being drafted will probably peg future timber wolf populations in Wisconsin at as many as 500 animals, hundreds more than projected in the initial plan.

"It's real exciting," Adrian Wydeven, the Department of Natural Resource's wolf biologist, said last week. "When I started with the program back in 1990, we had around 30 wolves and I remember thinking that if by the end of the century we could have 80 wolves, that would be great."

When the agency started its wolf recovery program in 1989, biologists estimated that the state had enough wild land to support about 80 wolves.

Relying entirely on dispersal of wolves from Minnesota and education of a wolf-wary public, the DNR was able to increase wolf populations in Wisconsin to 80 animals by 1995. It was a much quicker turnaround than expected.

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Mission Statement: The purpose and objectives of Timber Wolf Information Network shall be to increase public awareness and acceptance of the wolf in its native habitat, and its ecological role in the environment.

Events of the board of directors meeting on October 11, 1997, bring several items to report.

The TWIN board unanimously agreed to purchase a radio collar for the WI DNR Wolf Recovery Program. Funds for the \$349 collar were generated from t-shirt sales. The collar will be purchased by Ron Schultz (DNR wolf trapper) and TWIN has a unique opportunity to submit a male and female name that will be used for the collared wolves. Check out the web site for the "Name the Wolf" section and submit your suggestions for the two names. The TWIN board will choose the final names from the list generated on the internet.

The winter wolf workshop season is once again approaching quickly. I would like to invite our membership to attend one of the following workshops: January 9-11, February 6-8, or March 6-8, 1998, at Treehaven in Tomahawk, WI. The weekend is full of field techniques, natural history and outdoor activities about wolves, not to mention great food and conversation. Please call Treehaven at 715-453-4106 with any questions about the workshops or to register. Each workshop is limited to 30 people so register early. There was a waiting list last year.

We are happy to announce a special family workshop April 3-5, 1998, at Treehaven. This workshop will allow parents to bring their children for an adventurous weekend in wolf country. Parents will participate in an adult workshop while their children work with TWIN teachers learning about wolves in an age-appropriate fashion. All will be reunited for field trips and outdoor activities. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to enjoy the great northwoods and learn about wolves. Call Treehaven for information and registration.

As we reach the one-year anniversary of the TWIN web site, we are happy to announce that there has been over 9,000 hits to the site from all over the world. TWIN is very happy to know that education about wolves is being utilized worldwide. There will be a new addition to the web site for TWIN members only which will include minutes, maps and agendas for upcoming events. Check it out at: www.timberwolfinformation.org.

Once again, TWIN has funded a poster campaign for the central forest region of Wisconsin to educate deer hunters about the

Tis the season...

No, no, not that season. In wolfdom, it's tracking season. So here is your opportunity to get out on the landscape with some of TWIN's tracking talent and get a feel for what all those wolf biologists have been hoarding to themselves all these years: field work. Once again, TWIN has committed itself to providing carnivore tracking data to the DNR in two designated blocks in north central Wisconsin for the 97-98 tracking season. These blocks include most of the Averill Creek pack's territory and a portion of the (possibly now defunct) Ranger Island territory. All that is required from those interested is time, a willingness to ride many miles, an ability to get in and out of vehicles multiple times, and the fortitude to put up with indefinite amounts of dry humor. It also doesn't hurt if you have snowshoes and/or cross-country skis for that rare occasion that we actually find wolf tracks. If interested, please contact one of the individuals listed below, or myself, for a tracking good time. Hope to see you out on the landscape.

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wolves.on.web

<http://www.discovery.com>
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NOVA Online - Wild Wolves 



The Scent Post

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differences between coyotes and wolves. Coyote hunting is allowed during the deer hunting season in south and central Wisconsin. This poster campaign is an effort to make sure that no wolves are shot accidentally by hunters mistaking them for coyotes. No wolves have been lost in the past few years to our knowledge, giving indication that the poster is successful.

TWIN has agreed to assist the WI DNR with winter tracking surveys. The surveys will be conducted once a month, December through March, in the assigned block of northern Wisconsin. Any members interested in participating with the survey should contact Chris Giese, TWIN's tracking program coordinator, at 715-341-1160.

Two final notes: the board discussed the purchase of a radio telemetry receiver and antenna for the winter workshops; and donating \$100 to the National Cancer Society on behalf of three active TWIN members who have been diagnosed with and fought cancer over the past three years. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Patrick Arndt
TWIN Chairperson 

rendezvous site

The four poets featured in this issue are seventh graders at Seymour Middle School. Thank you for sharing your talent with us!

Wolves

The howl you hear at night is the wolves communicating to begin the fight.
A moose that runs often finds itself stopped in a quick pause being clamped on the nose with a wolf's powerful jaws.
Though the moose swung its head and lifted the wolf off the ground, still the predator held on.
The moose gets tired and weak and comes to the ground. The war is over and the wolves begin to feast all around.
The wolves like to run free in wide open land, marking their boundaries so other wolves don't come in.
Wolves do not want to harm humans nor their cattle - only killing the weak, the old, and the sick.
When the pups are born, there is love all around. They lay in their den next to their alpha mom.
A few weeks later they come out and play.
When it starts to get dark and it's the end of the day, go back into the den and cuddle up all together.
There is a special pup called the omega pup. He brings fun and laughter to the pack all day.
There is a wolf who was kicked out of the pack. Now he is a lonely wolf trying to survive. He probably won't make it in the cold winter nights.
So when you see a wolf in the wild, don't run or hide. Just observe this wonderful animal; just one of us trying to survive.

Willy Nackers



Wolf Poem

It's cool and still, Alpha teaches the pups to kill.
As they grow they pounce and play.
Soon they will be able to hunt by day.
First there were 6 then there were 5. The hopes were that the rest stay alive.
They like to growl but boy can they howl.
They hunt in packs but their favorite food is deer with big racks.
They are all fierce eaters, and they fight to determine their leaders.
They have powerful jaws and razor sharp claws.
They have piercing eyes that glow in the moonlight skies.
It is fate that they find a mate.
Early next spring the woods will have a ring.
Young wolves without a care will be howling in the air.
The young pups play while their parents are searching for prey.
They hone their hunting skills by making numerous kills.
The pups scarf their parents barf.
As the year gets longer the pups grow stronger.
They strike fear in many deer as winter grows near.
As the cold rolls in, the pack grows thin.
They try to stay warm from the harsh winter storm.
They stay in their dens until winter ends.
Once spring has arrived they know they have survived.
Their hair gets thin when spring starts again.
To keep the pack up they must have a pup.
They go to the den to start it all over again.

Cody Muenster



rendezvous site

The Pack is Back

It was a cool, crisp, autumn night,
 Alpha sat and watched the pups fight.
 Their shadows reflected on the lake below,
 which was lighted by the moonlight glow.
 The rest of the pack all rested near,
 having been successful for their hunt for a deer.
 Omega was still eating her share,
 with one eye watching the pups with care.
 Soon the pups would fall asleep,
 all nestled together in one big heap.
 They all dreamt of the hunt to follow,
 and slept like Sleepy Hollow.
 The pups were the first to wake,
 they awoke to a hissing snake.
 They all began to whine,
 as the sun began to shine.
 Alpha awoke to the clatter,
 to see what was the matter.
 The snake slithered away,
 the pack was ready to start their day.
 Alpha moved them to higher ground,
 there they could see all around.
 They all looked for game,
 hours past nothing came.
 The restless pups began to cry,
 the pack moved on for another try.
 Into the meadow they went,
 the day was almost spent.
 Quietly they sat,
 perched like a cat.
 Along came a rabbit,
 they all tried to grab it.
 The chase was not fair,
 they caught the hare.
 The rabbit was a small meal,
 to the pups it was a great deal.
 After their snack,
 the sky turned black.

The pack heard an owl,
 Alpha began to howl.
 Alpha sensed a man on the path,
 toward man he had no wrath.
 The man was scared when he saw the pack,
 but they looked at him and then turned back.
 The pups began to snore,
 the pack rested once more.
 The packs will return,
 about them we must learn.

Lindsey Lubinski



rendezvous site

Wolves

Do you know how wolves react?
They stick their tails out to attack.
Really there are many things to know,
for example, do they stand high or low?
They really do not like to scare,
their looks make us beware.
Wolves have teeth that are fierce and white,
they grab their food with all their might.
As you look into their eyes,
what people say are often lies.
Why are wolves so misunderstood?
After all they are quite good.
The wolf, one of the most misunderstood animals on earth,
gained their reputation at their birth.
The alpha is the leader of the packs,
other wolves follow in their tracks.
Wolves feed on small and large animals,
mostly they eat from a group of mammals.
Caribou and moose are some of their food,
they eat other animals when in the mood.
Wolves also feed on deer,
they can often smell their fear.
The wolf packs are really shy,
with their pups they are right by.
At birth they are blind,
they have their own little mind.
Pups can smell on their first day,
they can smell from a distance away.
Pups come as a litter of five,
but 60% do not stay alive.
Gestation takes about sixty days,
they care for pups in many ways.
They roam in forests and in open countries,
sheltered in dens among the trees.
Wolves can run at 25 miles per hour,
that is an amazing amount of power.
Wolf packs are hunted by man,
humans may not be their greatest fan.
Hunters go out when it is sunny,
some will kill wolves for the money.

Wolves will soon be extinct,
unless humans take time to think.
As humans have wolves in sight,
we should remember they, too, have a right.
Really wolves are afraid of mankind,
they walk away and leave us behind.
They are here for you and me to see,
that they can be understood and free!

Catherine Rottier



Howl of the timber wolf

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Since then, Wydeven said, wolves have continued to thrive and now as many as 150 animals are roaming northern and even central Wisconsin forests.

That number could increase to between 300 and 500 wolves in the next 40 years, according to recent research.

Biologists have come to believe that wolves can survive in areas that are less wild and that the animals are traveling river valleys and other wooded corridors into parts of the state once thought unsuitable.



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Next TWIN Board Meeting:

January 18, 10:00 am
Schmeeckle Reserve, Stevens Point
*Contact a board member for directions
and agenda - all members welcome!*

Tracking

January 4, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
*Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N
Lynndale Dr, Appleton, WI 54915, 715-
731-6041*

Study of Wolves Workshops

January 9 - 11
February 6 - 8
March 6- 8

Family Wolf Workshop

April 3 - 5
*Treehaven, W2540 Pickerel Creek
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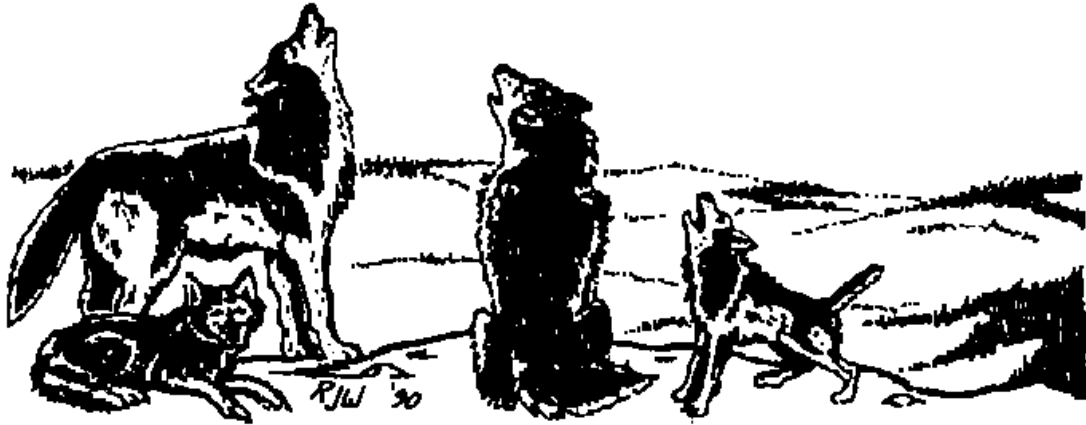
Would you like to announce an upcoming event that may be of interest to TWIN members? If so, please forward the specifics to the editor, address listed on page two, so we can include it in the newsletter.

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■ Member's Only Section — Ever wonder when and where the next TWIN meeting will be or how the many wolf packs in Wisconsin are doing? Here's your chance to find out the answers to those and many more questions. In addition to wolf information not available any where else, the members only section will have all the minutes and agendas for all the board meeting for your review, a bulletin board of upcoming TWIN and wolf related events and much more. So, hop on-line and visit TWIN's web site today!!

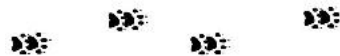
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■ Participate in our forum, "Scent Post," and share your thoughts on wolf related topics.

■ Do you need to renew your TWIN membership, enroll in TWIN's Adopt-A-Wolf-Pack program or would like to rent the Predator / Prey - Wolf Lab Box but don't have an application? Well head over to our web site and click on "Learn more about TWIN." There you will find links to all of TWIN's programs along with printable application forms.

■ FOR INFORMATION

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BALLOT: TWIN 1997-98 Board of Directors

One of the benefits of being a TWIN member is voting rights. Nominations were collected via the September *Lobo Lingo* and the names and positions are listed below. Please vote and return the completed ballot no later than February 28, 1998, to: Don Bogdanske, W 1933 Lawson Dr, Green Lake, WI 54941-9623.

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Write-in _____

Sandy Kahl _____

Tim Sprain _____

Ron VanderVelden _____

Jason Warzinik _____



By: Marilyn Leffler

Annual TWIN Meeting at Pigeon Lake Field Station (left to right): Travis Booms, Mike Frost (front); Risa Lutz, Chad Janowski, Lora Loke, Chris Giese, Laura Farrel, Del King, Suzanne Otto, James Otto, Lorrie Barber, Sharon Withers, Jason Warzinik

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