

Every pack has a leader, called the alpha male. He defends the pack's territory by marking the boundaries with his scent.

The leader and his mate are the only members of the pack that have cubs. They also get the best meat from any animal the pack kills. Each wolf in the pack knows who is boss.



Wolves can live almost anywhere there is food available, and woodlands are good hunting grounds. These areas are home to animals such as deer and elk. They are large enough to feed a whole pack.

Wolves often hunt together to take down animals that are much bigger than they are. They creep close to a moose or caribou and try to scare it into running. Then they race alongside and snap at the animal's legs or underbelly until it falls.