

# Get Curious! Animal Senses

## Touch



### Wolf

Wolves can be found in many countries in the northern hemisphere. They live in groups called packs which contain between six-20 members. They are carnivores and hunt together to take down large prey like moose or elk. Wolves have a hierarchy within their packs and all wolves within the pack help to raise the pups.

### Wolf pups

Typically, wolves give birth to four to six pups in one litter. At four weeks old they begin to eat regurgitated food. At two months old, the wolf pups leave the den and are looked after by adult wolves of the pack in a safe place. When they are about eight months old, they are large enough to join with the adults in hunting.



### Did you know?

Touch is important to wolves from birth. When born, wolves are deaf and blind and have to use their senses of touch and smell. As they grow, wolves learn friendly and aggressive touches. Young wolves may play-fight as a way of judging the strength of family members.

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I wonder...

Using the picture, what things could you wonder about? There doesn't need to be an answer! Here are some examples:

- I wonder what it's looking at.
- I wonder what its fur feels like.
- I wonder how far it's travelled.
- I wonder where its pack is.

Talk together

- Describe the scene.
- Talk about why the wolf might be standing there.
- What do you think the wolf will do next?
- How do you think the wolf is feeling?



Ideas for home

- **SENSORY:** Let your child feel different textures from around your home. As you feel each one, talk about it being smooth, rough, soft, etc.
- **DRAMA:** Imagine you're a wolf creeping slowly across the floor, then pounce and catch your prey. (Maybe a teddy bear?)
- **GAME:** Play 'What's the Time Mr Wolf?'