

Is this animal cruelty?



How would you feel if this was
YOUR best friend?



Documented Wolf Kills



Still on
his
chain





**Average kill rate per wolf per
month = 3.05 Elk**

36 Elk Per Year/Wolf

~2,000 Wolves

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72,000 Elk Per Year

Myth: Wolves only kill the old and weak

Fact: Wolves will kill any elk when given the chance and focus on elk calves



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Myth: Wolves are efficient killers

Fact: Wolves will eat their prey alive, or worse, eat a portion of the animal and leave it to suffer



Myth: Wolves won't attack humans

Fact: Wolves stalked and killed a young man in Saskatchewan in 2005



Fawns pulled from their mom's belly!





Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Wolf hunting had the desired effect -
more caribou got a chance to live,
according to biologists.

Calf Survival Rates

2008 - 39 calves per 100 cows

2007 – 1 calf per 100 cows

2006 – 1 calf per 100 cows

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Fact: Documented - Wolves stalked several children near a bus stop in NM!

May 2007 - Two Catron County school children were followed home from the bus stop by 3 wolves.

December 2007 - Glenwood elementary school a wolf was seen on the playground after multiple reports of the animal seen in the town.

Jan 2008 - Wolf kill within 70 yards of a school bus stop in Idaho



Myth: Wolves are good for elk populations

Fact: US Fish and Wildlife Service Study



- Elk are the primary prey for wolves, comprising 92 % of kills during the winter.
- Elk decreased significantly from 16,791 in winter 1995 to 8,335 in winter 2004 as the number of wolves increased .
- Kill rates by wolves in winter are 22 Elk per wolf per year – **DOUBLE** the rate predicted in the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

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- Since 2000, wolves have caused 45% of known deaths (not including human harvests) of radio-collared female elk on the northern range.
 - human harvest and winter-kill accounted for 30%
- Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has reduced antlerless permits by 51 % (200-'04) and 96% (1995-2005)

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Fact: Montana State University Study of
Yellowstone's Northern Range



- Elk numbers 1993 – 1995 Averaged between 17,000 and 19,000
- Wolves Introduced in 1995
- Elk numbers 2005 – 2007 Averaged between 6,700 and 6,300

**A 67% DECREASE IN ELK
POPULATIONS**