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WOLVES



Because of fear and misunderstanding, humans have repeatedly tried to obliterate wolves. These amazing animals had disappeared from Canada's world-famous Banff National Park. Now, thanks to biologist Paul Paquet, wolf packs range freely once again all the way from Banff through to the mountains of Montana.

Using intensive first-hand observation and sophisticated satellite tracking techniques, Paquet has spent over 10 years studying

the wolves of the southern Alberta Rockies and fighting to establish protected migration corridors for the animals he has championed so passionately.

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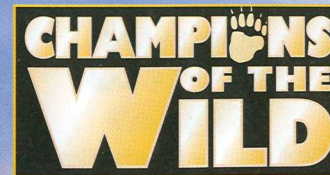


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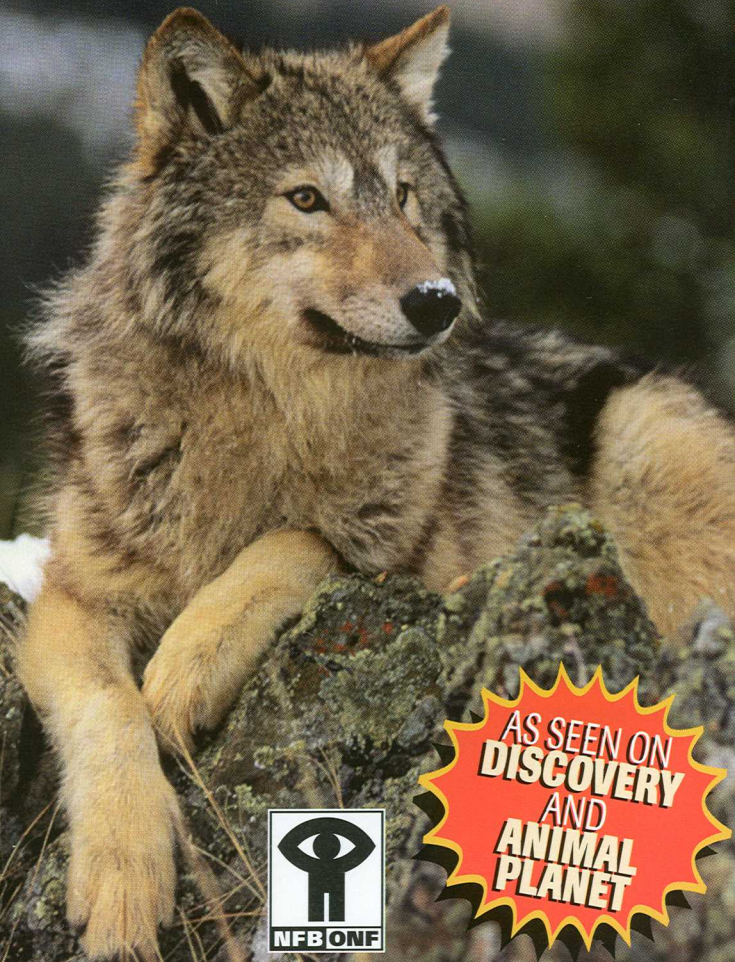


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He's been dubbed the "Wolf Man" by *Canadian Geographic* magazine, and it's true that biologist Paul Paquet has been championing the wolves of North America for the last 20 years.

Asked to head the Canine Project in 1987, Dr. Paquet took eagerly to the immense challenge of spearheading a huge research effort to create a comprehensive view of the plight of the wolves of the southern Canadian Rockies. Despite the fact that, three times over the last century humanity has tried to wipe the creature out, Paquet and his team of scientists and volunteers not only greatly expanded their understanding of this animal, they also managed to re-introduce the wolf to its natural habitat. For the first time in over 40 years, wolves now range through Banff National Park and down through to the mountains of Montana.

Paquet's research methods rely on intense, old-fashioned, first-hand observation by a team of field researchers and the latest in technology, with satellite tracking of radio ID collars and computer analysis of the data. The diversity of Dr. Paquet's methods reflect his various interests. His first degree was a bachelor of arts in philosophy, followed by a master of science in wildlife biology and a doctorate in zoology.

One of the things that Dr. Paquet has established through his research is the immense distances over which wolf packs range. The wolf population is still far smaller than what is needed to be secure – and the animals cross through 55 different land-use zones as they travel. Dr. Paquet is now campaigning to establish protected migration corridors for these animals that he champions so passionately.

PRE-VIEWING QUESTIONS

Locate British Columbia and Banff National Park on a map of Canada. Describe the year-round climate at Banff National Park.

Why do many scientists believe that they should remain objective at all times and not become emotionally involved with the subject(s) of their research?

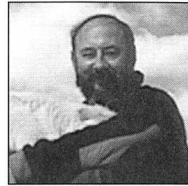
POST-VIEWING QUESTIONS

Why are the wolves and the tourists in Banff National Park on a collision course, both literally and figuratively?

Why does the wolf have such a pivotal role in the ecology and food chain of a wild habitat?

What do the following expressions mean and why might they originate in the wolf environment: leader of the pack; lone wolf; on the outs.

When observing a pack of wolves, how would you know each wolf's position in the social order of the pack?



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Dr. Paul Paquet

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Timber Wolf Information and picture gallery
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Lots of information about wolves, including wolf howls
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