

# Wild Kids



## Meet the Pack




Grayson

Kelly Godfrey

Ambassador wolf Grayson demonstrated a face wipe (above) and snowplow behavior (right) after he ate from a deer carcass.

## Ambassador Wolf Behaviors

Snowplows and face wipes are two common winter behaviors you might see in our ambassador wolves here at the International Wolf Center.

In performing a “snowplow,” a wolf sticks its face in the snow and moves forward to push the snow upward as it moves. A “face wipe” is a grooming behavior where a wolf wipes its face in the snow, usually after its face has become bloody from feasting on a carcass. Wolf pup Grayson shows us both of these behaviors in the photos on the left. To read more about our wolves or watch our wolves on webcams, visit our website: [www.wolf.org](http://www.wolf.org)

## Vocabulary

### WORD OF THE DAY

#### Carnassial Teeth:

Special teeth in the jaws of carnivores, including wolves, that act like scissors. They have sharp edges that slice together and help cut pieces of meat into chunks that are easier to swallow.



Ambassador wolf Denali using his carnassial teeth in the side of his jaw to rip pieces of deer meat

Don Gossett





## Notes from the Field

“Dispersal” is a word often used when discussing wild wolves. It comes from the word “disperse,” which means to

scatter, distribute or spread over a wide area. Dispersal happens when a young wolf leaves its pack and sets out alone to start its own pack. Wolves can disperse hundreds or even thousands of miles from where they were born, each one looking for a new area to make its own territory. When a dispersing male wolf

meets a dispersing female wolf and they have pups, a new pack forms. Most wild wolf packs are formed this way, and usually, a wolf pack will be made up of family members—a mother, a father and siblings.

A great example of dispersal came from Wolf OR-7, also known as Journey. In September 2011 Wolf OR-7 left the Imnaha pack in northeastern Oregon. He traveled into California and then back to Oregon to establish his own pack in 2013. To learn more about Journey, visit the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov) and type OR-7 into the Search box. ■

California Department of Fish and Wildlife trail-cam photo of a member of the Shasta pack



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## Arctic Pups Word Find

Use the Word Bank below to find as many words as possible in the Word Find puzzle. Words can run horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

- CARNASSIAL
- DISPERSAL
- FACEWIPE
- SNOWPLOW