

Wild Kids



Notes from the Field

Wolves around the world mostly eat hoofed animals scientists call ungulates. This includes deer, antelope, musk ox, caribou, elk, bison, and moose. Each season of the year, some ungulates move around, or migrate, to find grasses, shrubs and other vegetation to eat. For example, elk and moose will go up mountains in the summer and down to valleys in the winter. Antelope and bison herds often migrate to wintering grounds. If there is not enough prey in their territory, wolves will follow migrating ungulates so they have enough food.



Meet the Pack



Denali is a Rocky Mountain subspecies of the gray wolf (*Canis lupus occidentalis*). He is the largest member of the Exhibit Pack at the International Wolf Center, weighing approximately 135 pounds. Despite Denali being the largest member of the pack, he is not the dominant male. That is a role his brother Aidan retains at this time. Dominance is not always measured by the largest member of the pack, but more by attitude. Denali is a mild mannered member of the pack. He plays with Boltz and Luna and enjoys exploring the enclosure. ■

← Denali



Word Find

Use the Word Bank below to find as many behaviors as possible in the Word Find puzzle. Words can run horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward and backward.

Dominance	Boltz	Deer
Attitude	Ungulates	Muskox
Denali	Migrate	Caribou
Aidan	Antelope	Herd
Grizzer	Bison	Pack
Luna	Moose	

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Parents and Grandparents:

As an education-focused nonprofit organization, the International Wolf Center wants the rising generation to form positive attitudes about wolves through science-based facts. Please share these *Wild Kids* pages with your children, grandchildren and other kids. They may enjoy the photos in articles geared towards older readers throughout the issue. We hope the puzzle on this page is an activity young and old will enjoy doing together! ■

Vocabulary

Ungulates Hooved mammals (having hoofs) such as deer, elk, mountain goat, bighorn sheep, moose, antelope, caribou and bison.

Migrate When animals, fish or birds move periodically from one area or climate to another and back again.

Territory An area occupied by a pack of wolves that they defend from other packs and that can provide sufficient prey to support the pack.