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A Second Chance

Save the Gray Wolves

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For centuries, the Grey Wolf has been terribly misunderstood. They hunted our pigs and sheep and we did everything we could to prevent this. We frowned upon them and even shunned them. We tried to deny them and deprive them of what they needed to survive. They were purely fighting for their existence and we did everything we could to stop them. I can't help but wonder what they were doing so wrong? Isn't that what we all do? Aren't we all

just fighting for survival? We need to protect the Grey Wolves because they keep animals in check, also they keep some animal species alive, plus they are such intelligent creatures, and they have taught us so much. But on top of that, they have been blamed for something they didn't really do.

You might be wondering, what is their big part in the food chain? There would be so much stuff like deer, elk, pigs, and sheep. So some of you might be cheering but I mean too much of something just makes it all too much! Believe it or not the gray wolves haven't done anything wrong. They're just fighting for survival, like us! Everyone deserves a second chance, everyone has said, but I mean, why not them? They haven't done anything except fight for survival. Not only that, they keep some animal species alive. When the Gray Wolves eat animals, they leave carasses which some animals eat. [Mainly carnivores.]

The gray wolves are just like humans, some of you might find surprising. But they hunt in tight nuclear packs, and they are very elegant and social with one another. Gray wolves can communicate, although it's not our type of communicating. They use vocalizations, body scent and scent marking as their way of communicating. Plus, their howling is a GPS for them. The gray wolves are not only just like us but we are like them, well they taught us to become who we are today but we just don't realize it. They taught us biodiversity, and how each animal is connected to one another. Plus, they taught us how to [and they do,] keep the ecosystem in check.

Some might say gray wolves are a threat to us, but again that is far from the truth, there have actually been very few gray wolf attacks documented as long as they've been alive. And if you are in a fight with a gray wolf then

you have done something wrong, not the gray wolf! Plus, if you do get in a fight with a gray wolf then you are lucky because out of all the wolves or bears, the gray wolf is probably one of the least ones to worry about because gray wolf attacks are far from a serious injury. And definitely nothing like death.

The gray wolf has been known in the past for taking livestock and people have been blaming them for centuries. But there have been very few incidents about gray wolves taking livestock such as pigs and sheep. And that is not even true anymore. And not only that, but we have also been killing them for sport. And I know that furs are worth a lot of money but that is not right. And that is just mean and cruel.

Some people think that wolves should be in a zoo and not roaming around in the wild. Others believe that they should roam around where they belong in the world. But if we put gray wolves in the zoo then people won't hear the gray wolves howling in the night when you want to and you can see it for yourself without paying money to see them. Where do you stand in this argument? How do you feel about the gray wolf? Feel free to contact the ESA about any questions or ways for you to help in the environment.