

Calgary Humane Society

Wolf / Dog Hybrids

Position:

The Calgary Humane Society opposes keeping wolves and wolf hybrids as pets, defined as any degree of cross between a wolf and a dog.

Rationale:

- While wolf/dog hybrids share some characteristics with dogs, the former are not domesticated, and behaviours that are natural for them in the wild pose dangers to people and other companion animals in the home. In addition, their needs cannot be met in a home setting.
- Interbreeding of dogs and wolves negates 12,000 years of domestication, resulting in offspring that are difficult to train, do not kennel well and show a high incidence of both predatory and aggressive behaviour toward both animals and humans.

Reference:

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