

Two Year Life Cycle



Pups are born in the spring in a den the mother digs.
They are born blind and deaf
Mother stays in den nursing pups for 3 weeks
Typically 4 - 6 pups in a litter



Wolves mate 1x/year - January - March
They mate for life.
63 Day gestation period



Yearlings - a one year old wolf -
the "teenager" of the family
Full size but not yet an adult
Has much yet to learn from elders



Adult at c. two years of age
It takes 2 years to learn the skills and knowledge
to be a good parent and efficient hunter.
May "disperse" - leave family to find a mate.
Ave. life span - 5-7 years.



Pups have grown enough to leave the den
at 3-4 weeks
All wolves love pups!
The entire family helps to raise the pups -
teaching, feeding, caring for and playing with



6 - 7 months begin to travel with their family
and learn how to hunt
Wolves easily travel 30 miles/day



2-3 months of age, the family moves to rendezvous sites
"summer camp" for the pups - much learning and growing

