



## How can I help the wolf?

Humans are ultimately responsible for the survival of wolves. But don't worry—you can't do it all yourself. What you can do is pick one action to take today. Then revisit this list in a month, and slowly build your commitment to helping wolves and sustaining our environment.

1. **Become a member** of an organization that supports wolf survival.
2. **Learn more about wolves**, then talk to the people you know about wolves and wolf-human coexistence. Additionally, many environmental organizations offer electronically distributed newsletters. Sign up for one, and stay informed about current wolf issues. You can also educate yourself by attending wolf conferences and symposia.
3. **Think globally, act locally** – get involved in local environmental projects. Everything is connected, so every improvement to the environment ultimately helps wolves.
4. **Reduce, reuse, recycle** – in that order. The less we humans use the earth's resources, the less pressure we put on the wild species also trying to survive on those same resources.
5. **Help preserve wild lands** in wolf range, or support organizations that do.
6. **Be alert to news reports** about environmental issues. It's hard for TV news and newspapers to devote time and space to fully explaining issues, so put pressure on your local media to tell the full story.
7. **Keep an open mind** to all sides of wolf recovery and management. Avoid assuming wolves are the good guys, and humans (especially livestock owners) are the bad guys. All needs and values must be weighed equally.
8. **Write articles and letters** to appropriate publications with your opinions—articulately supported and well researched.
9. **Volunteer** for an environmental organization near you.
10. **Organize a fund-raiser**, and donate the proceeds to an organization that supports wolf survival. Be sure to check with the organization first to find out if any regulations apply.



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11. **Give an educational talk** about wolves at a school or organization in your area.
12. **Vote.** Support candidates who support the environment; challenge all candidates about their environmental voting record. To learn about the environmental voting records of legislative candidates, visit the League of Conservation Voters Web site at [www.lcv.org](http://www.lcv.org), and click on "Scorecard."

### **The International Wolf Center can help you help wolves!**

- Become a member
- Learn about wolves
- Sign up for our e-mail list
- Volunteer
- Invite an educator to speak to your group
- Gain wolf educator certification for yourself

All by visiting [www.wolf.org](http://www.wolf.org) or calling 1-800-ELY-WOLF, ext. 25.



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