



Ministry of Green Transition
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Dogs and Wolves

Best practice for taking
care of dogs in nature



It is not dangerous to walk your dog in areas with wolves

Wolves normally keep their distance from people walking with a dog. However, in rare cases you may experience a wolf following at a distance. This may be because the wolf regards the dog as a member of its own species. It is not dangerous, either for you or your dog, as long as you follow the advice below:

Keep your dog on a lead

Make sure to keep your dog on a leash. It is very unlikely that dogs on a leash will be attacked by a wolf.

Do not let your dog roam freely

Be cautious about letting your dog roam freely on your property if you live in an area with wolves, especially at night. It is prohibited to let dogs roam freely on land you do not own.

Call your dog back

Call your dog back and keep it on a leash if you encounter a wolf.

If you encounter a wolf and feel uncomfortable

Keep walking, even if the wolf follows you. If the wolf comes closer, turn around and shout loudly, clap your hands, wave your arms, or throw stones and similar objects at the wolf. This signals that you are a human, which is frightening to the wolf.

If you suspect that a wolf has lost its shyness or that the wolf has developed bold behavior, please send an email to ulv@sgav.dk. Remember to include the time and location.

If you encounter a wolf and feel threatened, always call the **police on 112**.

Keep hunting dogs close to the hunters

If you are hunting with dogs off the leash, keep the dogs as close to the hunting party as possible and make sure the hunters can be seen and heard. The wolf will normally withdraw when it discovers that there are people in the forest.

If the wolf attacks you or your dog

If, against all expectation, you are attacked by a wolf, offer maximum resistance: hit and kick and use any blunt instrument at hand. If the wolf attacks another person or your dog, hit and kick as hard as you can at its hindquarters. Do not place yourself between the wolf and the dog.

Help with monitoring

If you see a wolf, you can help the authorities and your local community by reporting your sighting to the national wolf monitoring program at www.ulveatlas.dk. Please take a photo or video as documentation if possible.

Phone numbers for the Danish Nature Agency's local units:

<https://naturstyrelsen.dk/kontakt-os-lokalt>