

Naming Mexican Wolf Pups

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There are two different names I have come up with for the two different genders of wolves if incase I won, and they named a male wolf or a female wolf. These newborn pups are the future of the Mexican wolves, a vital part in the Earth's food chain. These beautiful animals nearly got completely wiped out in the mid 1900's. The Mexican wolf is still the most endangered animal in North America, and these pups are very special. Every individual deserves a name to be called by, and especially individuals such as these pups.

Vilkas is the first name I have came up with, if the wolf pup is a male. Vilkas is the Lithuanian word for wolf. I chose this name because it has a nice sound to it. It also makes me imagine a brave, strong wolf leading his pack in the future. Pronounced Vil (such as saying Bill, but with the 'V') and kas (Such as the name Caz), it has a nice flowing sound to it. This name means a lot because the wolf is more than just a 'wolf', a wild animal, but a complex animal, that is very similar to humans. It has a family, a pack, just like us, run by the alpha pair, the mother and the father. Wolves also have feelings that they express, such as anger, sadness, or even playfulness, when the pups romp with each other. To me an acronym of Vilkas is:

Vitality: A wolf pup should be strong and lively, romping and playing with its littermates, enjoying life at its fullest.

Intelligence: Wolves are cunning creatures, and intelligence is an important character in life.

Leader: A leader of the pack. Headstrong, another trait of the pup, an alpha wolf, Vilkas. The capacity to guide others and lead them with kindness.

Kind: He is kind to others, and regards others feelings.

Admirable: Others look up to him, with his strength, intelligence, and the fact that he is so rare, and special to the world.

Sociable: For his ability to socialize with others, and make friends.

This is how I feel about Vilkas, being the male name for such a special animal. A name is just more than a name. It has a lot of meaning and power beneath it.

A choice for a female wolf pup I have chosen is Acalia. Acalia is just a name I changed a little bit from its original name, Accalia. Accalia is derived from Latin mythology of the two human beings Romulus and Remeus, being saved by the female wolf, Accalia. She nursed them back to health. I like the name Acalia for the she-wolf, because it is specifically for a female wolf. It also was the name of the wolf from mythology that brought up the two founders of the giant, powerful, city of Rome. It sounds like a great and

powerful name for a headstrong animal, such as the wolf. An acronym I derived for Acalia would be: (Acalia is pronounced “A-sa-leah”)

Active: For her endless energy and will to be free in the wild like a wolf should be.

Captivating: Wolves are beautiful animals, and Acalia is beautiful like a wolf should be. Wolves have captivated humans for a long time.

Assertive: Like an alpha wolf, she would be strong-willed into doing what she believes is right. She has that headstrong personality.

Light: She is enlightened to everyone around her with her free and wild spirit. She is bright and capable of doing what she wants and has a good heart.

Intelligent: She is strong, and smart making her everything in one package. She won't be easily fooled, and has the wisdom to lead.

Adorable: Like all animals, she is adorable, with a wagging tail and that cuteness found in all baby animals.

These are the two names I derived if I did win, and got a male, or a female wolf pup. A name is more than just a name, especially for these special creatures. They are the future of the Mexican wolf and the future to fixing up the world that we, the humans are damaging. These wolves prove as an example to show what we are destroying, and maybe they can be an inspiration to us, to stop hunting down animals, and ruining our beautiful world. This is what I have done to contribute to the reintroduction of the Mexican wolf. These are the names I would like to give to one, special, individual pup.

