



"You should be asleep." PaleShun snorted as CorvidGrace tumbled over his tail. The little pup huffed, pulling herself off the dusty floor of the den and continued slinking past her father. He snickered. "I can see you." She froze, mid step, her silver eyes widening.

"N-no you can't."

"Yes, I can."

"I am the night..." She whispered, breaking into a sprint, her wobbly little legs carrying her at a wavering pace across the clearing. PaleShun smirked, standing up and walking after her, bending over and closing his jaws around her scruff. She grunted as her legs continued flailing. The brute carried his pup back to the entrance of the den, setting her down beside the looming birch tree that grew over the twisting roots of the dead oak in which the pack slept. "Just where did you think you were going, you little rookfret?" He said, his thick white fur buffeted up against cool autumn breeze. CorvidGrace knocked a few stones between her paws. "I wasn't that loud..." She muttered. The tears between the tree canopy made the sky above the pair look like water, the static and still navy blue of the clear night sky loomed above and snuck in between. A bright, frigid mist floated across the forest floor, slipping in between the thick and twisted oak trees, stark in contrast against the straight, rigid stalks of the birch and the looming grace of the willow. The creek whispered and giggled softly in the distance. CorvidGrace listened closely to every sound. Suddenly, a harsh caw cut through the peace and quiet of the serene twilight that coated the forest. CorvidGrace jumped, falling over her paws and into her father's hock where he sat. He chuckled, raising his paw to her side and pushing her back to her feet.

"A monster...?" She whimpered, shakily.

"A raven." He responded, his ears perked, his nose raised to the wind.

A large black shape landed before the pair, it's ebony mass twitching and resetting, the swath of delicate plumage fluffing up against the wind. CorvidGrace squeaked as it drew closer, cowering behind her father. She blinked in surprise as her eyes adjusted to the strange being. "A bird?" She snorted. "It's as big as me!!" The pup squealed, hopping out from behind her father and started bouncing up and down, running around in front of the creature. PaleShun chuckled, looking back to the raven, who merely cocked its head as the pup flailed in front of Him. "My Family's not yet woken. Wait by the mountain crest, we will meet you there by dawn." The bird blinked and turned, seeming to nod just before beating the ground with its wings and scaling the thick, musty, early morning air. "Do you know him?" She snorted, confused. "I know of him." He corrected her, standing and trotting up the tangled roots to sit on the top of the den mouth. She gaped up at him, so tall from his perch on the top of their home. "The raven is my brother. As he is yours. A raven means food. A raven means water, shelter." He looked down at her. "A raven means life. Hope. The raven graces this world with it's knowledge of life and death, and shares it with us. Their wits make our strength worthwhile, we each share in the reward." CorvidGrace blinked, standing up and turning her back to the den, looking out towards the valley where the raven circled above the herd. PaleShun smiled, leaping down from the ledge and landing with valor beside his daughter. "Do you know another word for a raven, Pip?"

"What?"

"A Corvid."

Xerxes

The wolf name that we decided would be best for the apex predator was Xerxes because it is a powerful name. The king Xerxes was one of the best heroes in Persian history and is named "The Great King". He was a great king after his successor dad and was a marvelous conquer to help his small pack grow. This is why we choose this because it is great to be a king or a ruler in an important time of history. The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service announced, "Towards the turn of the century, however, high cattle stocking rates and declining populations of native prey, such as deer and elk, caused many wolves to prey on livestock". This would make the people of Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas want to hunt the Mexican Gray wolf to save their livestock. Now limited to only small parts of Arizona and New Mexico, the The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service is slowly introducing them back to the wild with 20 new baby pups put into wild packs and will learn how to be a wild animal.

It is important to realize this name would be perfect for a wolf because it is a good way to show that the wolf is forceful and that the wolf is meant to be a hero in the world. Xerxes in Persian means "Hero among Heroes" and that could mean a leader when needed or when the leader is gone. Xerxes is a name that makes a wolf a leader of the pack. Wolves have a way of leadership, and so again, this is a good name to show that they are leaders and that that wolf is a strong commander. It is important to be a leader because you can make others happy. Wolves are a good

example showing that you need to make others have a better attitude and to be happy. In addition, this is appropriate for a wolf because it matches executive lifestyle, wild behavior, and apex standards. Hopefully one of these wolves that was introduced to the wild will be named Xerxes.

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Sol

I would like to name my wolf Sol. Sol means sun is Spanish. Usually we think of wolves as being with the moon. If you think of Mexico, It is so sunny and a lot of times represented with the sun. The Mexican Gray wolves originated in Mexico and I want a Spanish name to represent my wolf. I think that Sol would be a great name because these are MEXICAN Gray wolves and Mexico is a beautiful sunny place. With one named Sol we have something different and new that TRULY represents where they came from. Sol would be a beautiful name.

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Sierra

I feel that the Mexican Gray Wolf should be named Sierra. Sierra as a noun means a long jagged mountain chain. I feel this definition emulates some of the qualities that involve the Mexican Gray Wolf. One of which would be because they are often located, or can be located in mountains. One other reason I feel the Mexican Gray Wolf should be named Sierra would be because there are a very unique type of trees located in Sierra Nevada called "Sierra trees". They are very tall and have spaced out branches with pines. I find this relating with the Mexican gray wolf because trees create a big aspect of the Wolves food chain. I also just find these types of trees very pretty. Overall, I feel that the name Sierra suits the Mexican Gray Wolf and that one of them should have it be their name.

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Seeker

Did you know that the Mexican grey wolves brought life to the area of Yellowstone National Park? I don't mean like just plants and stuff but they changed the landforms and new animals came back to the, " Yellowstone National Park" you might not know this yet but this article has some information. The wolf's name will be Seeker because baby wolves don't go and hunt because they're just babies. They have to practice and seek what their parents or mom or dad are doing because they just can't go hunt on the first time out. That would be crazy!

This information is from Gale in context Middle school, here is a quote that said, "The wolf's closest relative is the domestic dog, which evolved from wolves. The gray wolf is the largest wild member of the dog family. Mexican grey wolves were once common in North America." So what that tells you is that you and everyone else can understand where they have been from for example what kind of started the wolf community and what made them live and live for hundreds of years, until humans started hunting them.

When the humans hunted them, they actually made one species of the wolves become extinct! That is just terrible. Another type of research is actually Google and here is what we found about extinct wolves "In 1973 the red wolf Recovery Plan was completed and began being implemented. There were over 400 canids captured between 1973 and 1980, however, only 17 were considered genetic red wolves. Sadly, the red wolf was declared extinct in the wild by 1980, with only a few red wolves in captivity."

So we just have to be careful of these endangered animals because well if we kill and hunt them down, what will others say in the future about whatever happened to the wolves? I mean think about it wolves brought life back to Yellowstone National Park and even about 200 people couldn't do that. The amazing thing is that there were only a small number of wolves left in Yellowstone National Park and they changed the rivers! That would be really hard to do as a

human, but just a couple of wolves living life changed the rivers and other landforms in Yellowstone National Park. Think about it could you or anyone you know change rivers? I certainly couldn't. You don't really notice it, but wolves are super, super important. It's amazing what they can do to a specific area. That should get you thinking about why wolves are really important, and why we should bring wolves back into the Yellowstone National Park. I can prove it. In the article called, "Will Wolves Return" in the website called, "Utah's Online Library" it states, "CHEYENNE, Wyoming--Bears, fish, and many other animals live in Yellowstone National Park. But one animal is missing--the wolf."

Do you know how all the other animals actually got there? Well, it is in that paragraph right there. Those other animals are there because of the wolves! It's crazy! So, why not bring back wolves? They are very important.

Now do you know that the Mexican grey wolves brought life to the area of Yellowstone National Park? I hope you have because those are some reasons why we all as a community should bring wolves back to Yellowstone National Park. We can all do it, we can bring wolves back in and they will start helping the economy again just how they did last time. And we gave you some reasons why Seeker should be the Mexican grey wolf name and we hope you like this essay. Seeker is an awesome name because well we are, *seeking* for wolves.

Now here is a poem that we created, "Once upon a time there was a wolf, his family got taken away from Yellowstone National Park because the other dogs liked to bark, so they took them away and now they are a stray, they didn't even care."

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The Great Wolf Scout

The most excellent name for a mexican grey wolf is Scout. This is a good name because it is creative and I believe that it sounds like a good name for a wolf. This name could be used for either a boy or a girl though I believe that it fits better with a boy. The name Scout means “one who gathers information covertly” or “to listen”. This is a great name for a wolf.

A wolf named Scout would be very handsome. I imagine that he would have a mix of white, gray, black, and brown. His ears would be black but the tips would be white. His face would be brown mostly with the other colors mixed in. His body would be mainly gray with a lot of brown and grey and a little black. Finally, Scout’s tail would be gray with brown tips.

This organization is very important because wolves are very endangered. Wolves also really help our ecosystem and nature. They were taken out of Utah but now they have been brought back. With all of the things Mexican grey wolves do for us, I believe that they should have a good name that really represents them. Thus, a mexican grey wolf should be named Scout.

Wolf in the Night

The wolf howls through the night
At the moon shining so bright
Others join in
Neighbors and kin
Only one wolf is not howling
For he is too busy prowling
The wind is blowing through the trees
He hears the buzzing of the bees
But he doesn’t care
He just wants to kill a hare
He caught it’s scent
Two seconds later its spine is bent
The wolf enjoys a good feast
And now he is ready to put to sleep the beast.

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Requise



Did you know that there are only 150 Mexican grey wolves in the world? The mexican grey wolf is critically at risk of extinction (Mexicanwolf.org) and to preserve this race the organization has gathered many of the Mexican grey wolves to a safe place where they will not be killed by ranchers. The Mexican grey wolves eat lots of deer, cattle, and dead elk, because of this they tend to kill lots of farm animals. The farmers learning from this like to kill them before they get to their livestock. The Mexican grey wolf is being preserved in a safe place so hopefully, the species will live on.

The name Requisite is a good name for a Mexican grey wolf because it is fun and meaningful. The Mexican grey wolf is near extinction, Requisite means God or holy, So this could relate to the fact that it is one of the last of its kind and for it to reproduce and start a new one. It could be the God of its species. Requisite is also just a fun name, it is unique and not similar to many other names.

Overall this is a great fit for a Mexican grey wolf.

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Raja

Raja is a great name for a mexican grey wolf because the name shows personality and character. This is quite a wonderful name for quite a wonderful wolf. This wolf could be the weakest wolf, strongest wolf, oldest wolf, youngest wolf , etc; and the name would still work perfectly. Raja is such a mysterious name, and wolves are just that description and have that personality too.

Raja is a very appropriate name for a wolf, because Raja is a Mexican name for Good Deed, and wolves do good; For example, when we brought wolves back to Yellowstone, they balanced out the ecosystem. Wolves have done more good then bad in the world.

Mexican grey wolves are going extinct because “they were suffering the arrival of the livestock industry in the southwest in the late 1800’s” according to www.endangeredwolfcenter.org. We all need to join in and help these beautiful animals.

Raja

She was born in captivity
A mexican grey wolf breed
Her mother named her Raja
Witch in spanish means good deeds
Raja’s father was always known
As the pack leader whose word he always kept

And he gave of his talent and wisdom gained
Now Raja would follow in his steps

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Phoenix

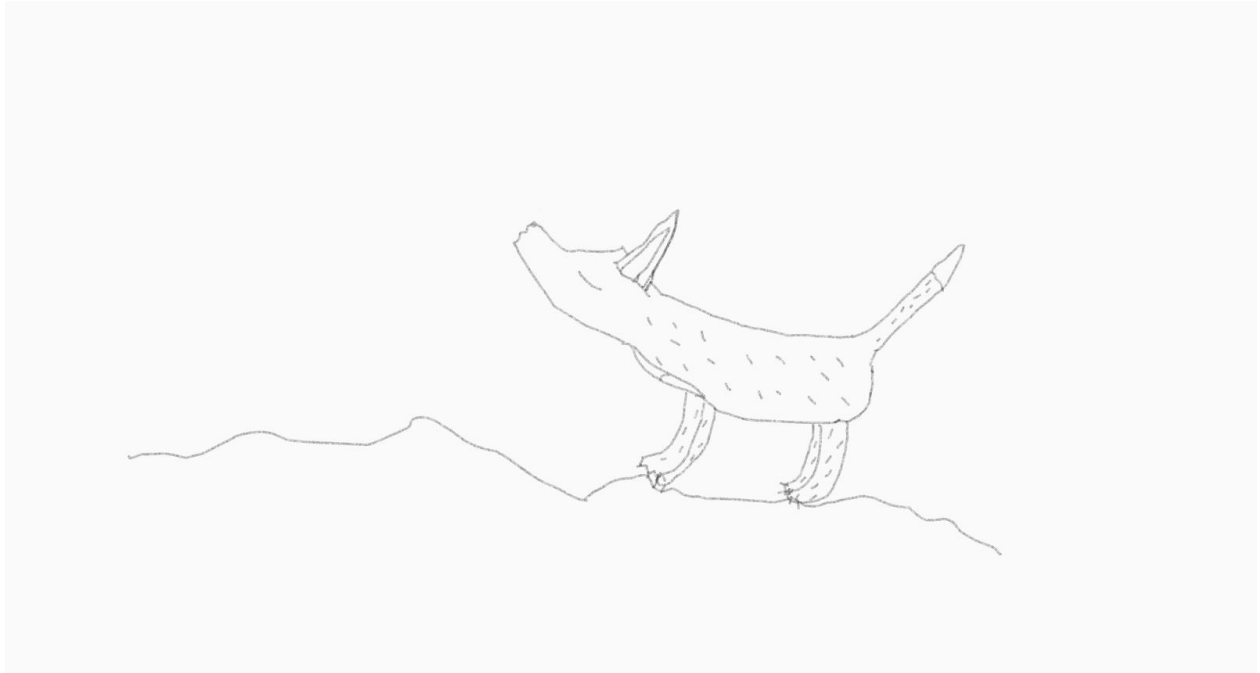


This is phoenix.

I think that an appropriate name for a mexican grey wolf cub is phoenix. An example of why phoenix is a good name for a wolf cub is "Today,they can be found only in southerneastern arizona and southerneastern new mexico (https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/species/mammals/Mexican_gray_wolf/natural_history.html#:~:text=HABITAT%3A%20Mexican%20gray%20wolves%20are,far%20south%20as%20central%20Mexico.)" This is a good name because it represents where they once roamed. Another good reason why this is a good name is "Mexican gray wolves are the most endangered gray wolves in the world. Fewer than 165 known wolves roam the wildlands of the Southwest United States and about 30 live in northern Mexico. Every Mexican gray wolf is special, different, and deserving of his or her own identity.(mexicanwolves.org)" This is another good reason because they are endangered and should remember where they used to live. Altogether phoenix is a good name for a mexican grey wolf cub because it identifies where they used to roam.

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Nageki



An appropriate name for a Mexican Grey Wolf Cub is Nageki, because it is Japanese for “wail,” and Mexican Grey Wolves howl and wail a lot. They do this to communicate with other wolves. This communication can travel a very long way, and can communicate specific meanings.

Wolves use lots of howling to communicate with each other. The text mentions, “Among wolves, communication is a very highly developed skill. For instance, the howl of the pack leader has many different meanings.

Most of the time a lone howl is a warning for other packs. It tells them to stay away, for there are many young to be protected and food to be guarded. A howl can also be a way of marking their territory. Many wolves howl when they feel another pack is too close. Some wolves howl when they are lost or trying to find another member of the pack. Most wolves use this howl at least once a day to locate missing pups or other pack members”(I9-10R Secret Communication of Wolves).

This goes to show that wolves howl a lot to communicate with other wolves, whether that means their saying that there's danger there or that the area is a good place to rest for that night, the wolves mostly use howling to communicate with each other. This means that wolves (including Mexican Grey Wolves) howl a lot to communicate, and therefore Nageki would be a good name for a Mexican Grey Wolf, because Nageki means wail in Japanese, which is a synonym for howl.

Nageki

The small Mexican Grey Wolf pup crawls under its mother's stomach

To warm the cold flesh beneath his fur.

The adult wolves leave the hollow rock they call their home

In search of nourishment for their young.

The young Mexican Grey cannot leave the den

As the outside world is far too big, far too dangerous for him.

Don't worry small wolf cub,

One day you will be allowed to roam around the world,

With young cubs of your own,

And be keeper of the den.

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Midnight Moon

Midnight Moon is a great name because it represents the essence of a wolf basked in moonlight and that wolves howl at the moon. There are many other reasons as well that we believe that this would be a good name. The number one reason this would be a good name is that it represents part of the wolf's nature of howling at the moon during very late times in the night.

We figured this out when we used the source, National Geographic, which told us that "... each wolf's howl (is) unique." so we thought that if this wolf's howl was unique in the way that it would be nice if her name represented that she would howl at the fullest moon at midnight.

Another reason this is a good name is that it gives humans a feeling of the essence of a beautiful wolf howling at a full moon in the darkest of the night. This could get people to see how beautiful, majestic, fierce, and free wolves are.

As we can see there are multiple reasons why midnight moon would be a very nice name. Those reasons were that it shows the wolf's nature, it shows and makes you feel the essence of the wolf, and makes you think of them as almost a mythical creature because if the name is exciting then people will get excited about wolves and want to save them from extinction more and more.

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Massacooram

We chose this name because this is a name of a monster from a folklore. This is a wolf-type boogeyman monster and we thought that if you add a vicious and strong name to a wolf, it would be a cool wolf but still be cute.

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“KODA”



An appropriate name for a wolf is Koda. It means “friend” or “friendly” in native american sioux tribe. This name would be appropriate because when you think of Koda. You think that they might be a very friendly person or animal. So they sound like they won’t harm you.

Koda is a cool name because it sounds like it would be a name related to the wild. Usually you wouldn’t know someone named Koda. Cause you would mostly think it is an exotic animal name. If you think of it the name “ Koda” could be a majestic name. Koda makes a very good wolf name.

Koda is an appropriate name for a wolf. It makes a very exotic name. Koda is not a typical name, so that is why it is a good wolf name.

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Harmony



Harmony is a perfect name for a Mexican gray wolf. One meaning of harmony is to work together in unity. In order to obtain food, Mexican gray wolves have to be proficient hunters. In fact, they hunt in packs, and they all work together in unity to bring down their prey. Namely, Mexican gray wolves hunt elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, javelina, and some other small mammals. According to the website mexicanwolves.org, "Social cohesion in the pack is strong." This means the wolves in the pack are very connected, and they trust each other. Altogether, because of their harmony and ability to work together, Mexican gray wolves are

able to survive and hunt as a pack.

Additionally, Mexican gray wolves work in harmony with their environment. They keep their habitat balanced, and their prosperity allows other animals to prosper. In particular, if there were no Mexican gray wolves, some of their prey such as elk and deer would become less cautious and become too plentiful. They would eat the plants that other animals need to survive. The dirt by rivers would no longer be held in by the roots of plants, so the water would become contaminated and filthy. Mexican gray wolves play a very important role in their ecosystem, and live in harmony with their environment.

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Hapi

I chose this because I liked the Ancient Egyptian style of naming a pup, and this was one of the first names that came to mind.

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Gris



Why Gris is the Best Name For a Mexican Grey Wolf

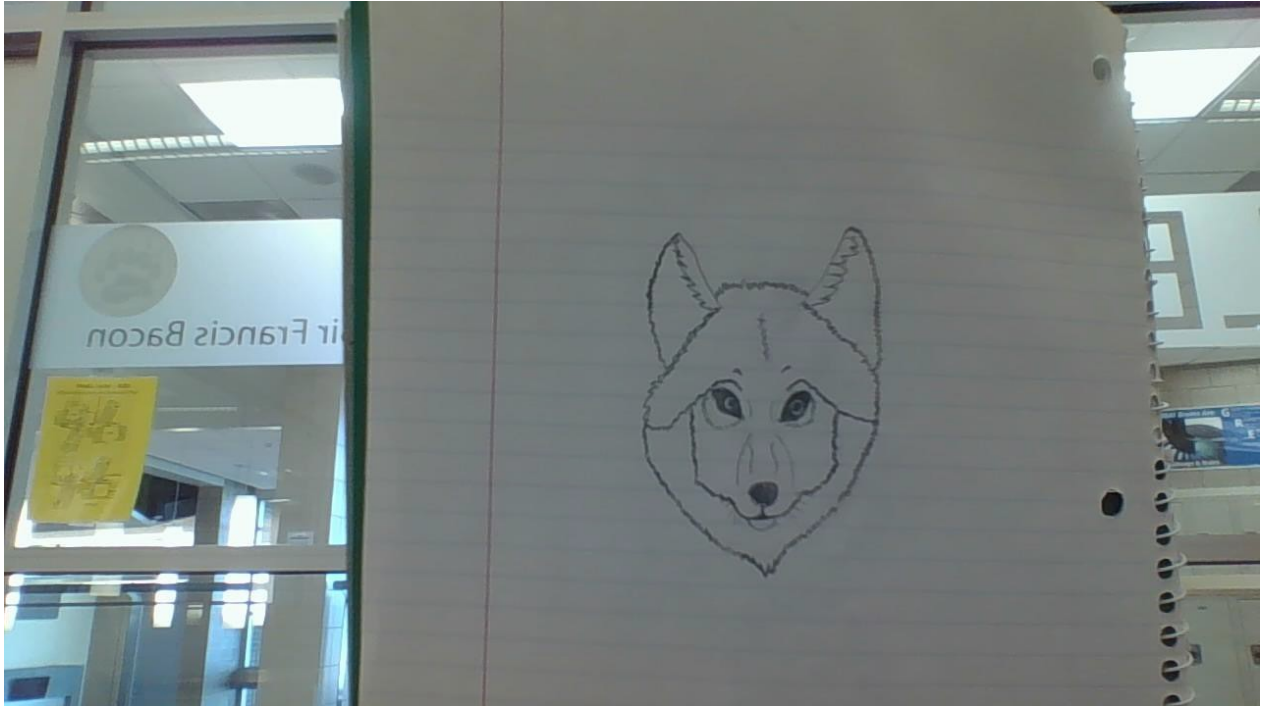
A perfect name for a Mexican grey wolf would be Gris. To begin, this would be a perfect name because 'gris' is the color grey in spanish. In Mexico, people speak spanish, and the wolf is the Mexican grey wolf. In addition, another reason why Gris would be the perfect name is because these wolves are grey, and Gris is the color grey.

The Mexican Grey Wolf is sadly going extinct. There are many reasons why we need to save it. To begin, wolves can change the climate. For example, in Yellowstone, there were lots of deer. The deer would eat and stomp out the grass. The area was very empty, with not many trees or plant life. Then, that's when scientists decided to let wolves roam the area. The wolves started to chase away the deer, making it so more plants could grow. After many years, the wolves have proved to be very useful and important.

In conclusion, Gris would be a perfect name for a Mexicn Grey Wolf because grey means balanced, and the wolves have definitely balanced out the ecosystem of Yellowstone, making it better. Gris would also be the perfect name because grey also means neutral. They have restored the natural balance of the ecosystem. Finally, Gris would be a perfect name because it is the color grey in Spanish.

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Griffin



Hello, this is a multi paragraph about the wolf Griffin. This is an assignment about naming a wolf, and the name we gave him is Griffin. In this multi-paragraph assignment we will cover the wolf and why it got its name.

A griffin in greek mythology are mythical beasts with the body, tail, and back legs in the shape of a lion. And the head, front legs, talons, eyesight, and wings of an eagle. A griffin represents strength, leadership, and bravery. And the creature is a mixture of intelligence and strength. In greek mythology, they also represent good over evil. And that would suit the personality of the wolf griffin. Ferocious and strong

Wolves are very intelligent creatures, they actually don't have random wolves as the alpha, it works like a family. The oldest and wisest is the alpha, and the rest are the beta. Griffins are known to be intelligent, just like wolves. Gut griffins are solo creatures and aren't in packs of them. So that is one downside to the name griffin. A strength of the name griffin is that griffins are strong. And in class we saw a pack of wolves take down a bear. So that is a strength (literally) of the name griffin. And these are just some of the strengths and weaknesses of the name griffin. Griffins are intelligent and strong creatures. And so are wolves.

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Glitchtrap



The name I chose is Glitchtrap, or Glitchy for short. I chose this name in memory of a fandom my friend likes. This name is perfect because when catching their food, they are so fast it looks like they just simply glitch to trap their food. I know that they are fast moving animals from "Mexican gray wolves Valentina & Diego", where I saw a wolf running at a very high speed. This proves my statement to show that they can easily use glitch-like methods to catch their prey.

The first reason they are like a trap is because of camouflage. They can camouflage very well because of their skin color. Their skin color is usually gray, brown, tan, white and/or black. These colors are the colors off their habitat, the woods (Mexican gray wolves Valentina & Diego). This helps them catch their prey by being able to be "Invisible" to the prey's kine eye.

The reason they are such a cool species is because of how unique they are. I know from research that they are the smallest gray wolf species, being close to half the size of a regular one! Unlike every other gray wolf species, they only eat 2-3 times a week (Animalia, mexican gray wolves)!

In all, Glitchtrap is a good name for a mexican gray wolf cub because of many reasons such as camouflage, speed, and their size. Proven by much research, this name would make sense.

(I drew the picture from Art hub for kids, but I colored and wrote the words by myself).

Cory Swapp

Poem and Essay for Mexican gray wolf pup naming contest

Never, Ever End

Five years ago,
A boy took his life.
His family tried to help him
With all of their strife.

He used to be happy,
'Til an introduction
To a pogo stick
Caused a concussion.

And this there result
Was bad brain damage.
He got into drugs
'Til he couldn't manage.

One day on the phone
He told his girlfriend
He wanted to leave,
Bring his life to an end.

His girlfriend called his mom
Who was shocked beyond matter
Then called her son
Who would not even answer.

Finally when he did
He sent her his love

She said he loved him
And he left like a shove.

Police drove to the house
Took him to the doctor
His mom saw him there
And that seriously shocked her.

From this experience
His mother learned
That you can't save everyone
But her heart yearned.

Cory loved wolves
His legacy still lives.
In his family's hearts
His family forgives.

Cory is still all with us
Like the hoot from the owl,
The light from the sun,
And when the wolves howl.

So let's forever remember
This warm, loving friend
And let Cory's legacy
Never, ever end.

His Legacy Lives On

Five years ago a 16 year old boy took his own life. His name was Cory Swapp and he loved wolves. His friends and family were his "wolf pack" and his teen-fashion statement? Wolf shirts. Cory loved sports, especially running. He loved to run free, like wolves.

In an article from the Deseret News in 2017, titled: “Going home: Utah scrapbooking CEO finds hope after losing a child to suicide” it read: “Cory Swapp was the happiest his mom had ever seen him at the end of his eighth-grade year. He had recently become involved with Crossfit and developed a love for running.” Then one tragic day, “an accident on a pogo stick resulted in a serious concussion.” This concussion changed Cory. He always smiled, but now he didn’t. He was always the friendliest, but now he’s not. He used to be in the top of his classes, but his grades plummeted. Later, his parents figured out the concussion changed his brain. He was diagnosed with dyslexia, and then got into drugs.

“After Cory’s death, his little brother Connor, who was 7 when Cory died, began to say the type of things Cory once said: that he thought he was too stupid to live, that he wished he was smart, that he was embarrassed that other kids understood and he didn’t.” It was a night and day difference. Although these bad things became Connor’s new habits, his parents loved him just the same. His parents wanted to help Connor get these harmful thoughts out of his head. They only wanted the best for their son.

Cory had a girlfriend. She was on his side, too. On that terrible April day, Heidi Swapp, Cory’s mom, “received a call from Cory’s girlfriend. She was hysterical and terrified. Cory had told her he was going to commit suicide.” After hanging up, Heidi immediately called her son. When he didn’t answer, she sent a text that said, ‘I need you to call me right now.’ When they connected, Cory made sure his mom knew that he loved her, then hung up. Never to talk, see his mother, girlfriend, or family ever again.

Heidi immediately called the police who came to the house and later said: “they saw Cory look out the window. Shortly after, they heard a gunshot inside the house.” Heidi rerouted to the hospital where her son was being taken. “As I (Heidi) sat in the hospital, the realization

that this is now my story settled in, I didn't like this story at all. It's not the story that I imagined for Cory, or for my family. However, I am a storyteller. I am a memory keeper, and I am a person who believes that good comes from even the worst situation, if you look for it."

Although Heidi wasn't able to save the life of her son, she has become a spokesperson equipping young people with education and tools to live a mentally strong life. She has saved many of their lives and more importantly, educated them on the impact of suicide. Cory's legacy lives on through his family and friends who share #CoryStory and continue to wear wolf fashions. His family's 2020 Christmas pj's? Wolf themed, of course. There's no better name for a Mexican Gray wolf pup than Cory Swapp.

Cory Swapp

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Callido



An appropriate name for a Mexican Grey Wolf might be a Callido Wolf. Callido is a name derived from the Spanish words cazar and aullido, cazar meaning hunter, and aullido meaning howl. The words combined into Callido mean Hunter's Howl.

This name is fitting because it references the wolves hunting behaviour, and the way they communicate. "Wolves have contributed to bringing elk numbers down from 17,000 in 1995, to just 4000 today" (National Geographic, timestamp 2:40). Hunter is an appropriate name for an animal that hunts.

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Aquarius



The mexican gray wolf is a very exquisite animal. It's been almost 40 years since the mexican gray wolf nearly went extinct. "The latest government statistics show roughly 110 wolves are now living in the wild." (Staff 2) The wolf's have strong senses too, a very strong sense of smell, remarkable hearing and vision as well. As many other types of wolves, the mexican gray wolves live in packs or families. These wolves average to be anywhere from 50-90 pounds.

The name chosen is Aquarius. Yes, like the zodiac sign. This is an appropriate name because of it's background. Aquarius is a constellation, constellations are certain groupings of stars that make a shape. The constellation was named by a group of Sumerians. The name was based on one of their gods from heaven, "An, who pours the waters of immortality upon the earth." (Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia, pg1) The constellation has a unique shape and the stars shine brightly. Wolves howl at night and so now this wolf won't only be howling at the moon, but also at their aquarius constellation.

In conclusion, the name Aquarius is a good name for a wolf because Aquarius traits are progressive, independent, intelligent, unique, and idealistic. These traits resemble a wolf because they are independent, unique, intelligent, and brave. More traits are Aquarius being free-spirited and eccentric, they can often be identified by their unusual hobbies, and nonconformist attitude. The mexican gray wolf is exquisite, and it almost went extinct almost 40 years ago. They are endangered, and because of their great senses they can hunt in the wild.

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Antonio



I think that the name “Antonio” would be a good Mexican grey wolf name. This could be a good wolf name for many reasons and an especially fitting one for Mexican grey wolf. The city of San Antonio Texas is right on the border of their living area which is the main reason I chose this name.

This is a good name all around and from research even more so. According to my source, “The Mexican gray wolf is a critically endangered, native species that once numbered in the thousands of animals throughout southeastern Arizona, southern New Mexico, western Texas and northern Mexico” (mexicanwolves.org). This is their main area of inhabitation and a good reason for the name in my opinion, as well as just being a good name overall.

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7th Grade

Alpine



The wolf pup name I am suggesting is Alpine. My reasoning behind this name is associated with the wolves' environment. The wolf lives in nature, specifically in the mountains. The trees surrounding the wolves in the mountains are Alpine trees. This shows that the name Alpine would fit. Also, alpine means "relating to high mountains", exactly where the wolf's habitat is. In the end, this name is perfect for a wolf pup because Alpine is the name of the trees in the wolves' environment and the meaning of alpine relates to the wolves' habitat.

Elijah Gilca
7th Grade

Twilight

Cause I think every animal is a soft glowing light from the sky that we should take care off.

Aesha Badawi
6th Grade

Bandido(a) Del Eato, or Bandit

This Name would be perfect when the wolf pups get released out in the wild and survive for the first years of its life, It means the wolf pup has eaten the correct prey and enough of the prey to be healthy and Wild. Also wolves are the bandits of the forest because they have to be in the shadows to lurk around. Finally The wolf pup has to be strong and work together like a group of banditos working together.

Darby Morrison
7th Grade

Esperanza

Esperanza means Hope in Spanish and I think the pups name should be Esperanza because wolves saved the ecosystem, and before they did they were or only hope. Also I translated hope to Spanish because they are Mexican Gray wolves and I think they are really pretty. So they should have a pretty name.

Zoe S
7th Grade

Freki

Freki is the name of a wolf that protects Odin and Valhalla, in Norse lore.

Ben Turner
7th Grade

Jordan

I feel that one of the baby wolves should be named Jordan. One strong wolf could bring a whole pack of wolves together just like one person could bring a team together. When Jordan came into the league he was drafted to a team that was trying to rebuild and wasn't the best. He soon became one of the best players in the league. He probably put in the most work out of his whole team. When a new male wolf is the pack leader he can do so much stuff to bring the pack closer and stronger. He can lead the pack, get

them food, and keep everyone healthy and safe. They have to be a good caring leader so that the pack could survive. He is kind of like a parent figure to the other wolves. Jordan helped his team get better when he was a more experienced player. He grew that team and made them stronger. So strong that he brought that team, which wasn't the best when he first came in, to six championships. He brought the whole team together and just like a pack leader, was almost a parent figure to the others. I feel that one should be named Jordan because Micheal Jordan, just like a leader

Blake S
7th Grade

Karev

We want to name our wolf Karev because its a unique and amazing name to name a wolf. Also because the name is from a movie about a dog who saves other animals and other people so we want to recognize the wolf as a savoir.

Genesis Jerez and Sierra W.
7th Grade

Karev

It is the name of a very famous character on greys anatomy. His character represents strength, perseverance, and Kindness.

Lola A
7th Grade

Karma

I chose karma as a name for me wolf because they bring karma where they go, when they died out at Yellowstone the ecosystem died.

Deja R.
7th Grade

Kukan

I chose this name Of my love of mythical creatures so i named it after a type of kitsune
Ashton T

7th Grade

Opal

I chose the name Opal because wolves are each unique like the name, and wolfs eyes remind me of the gem.

Alsina E. Huang
7th Grade

Peter

I chose this name because it combines with a wolf name and it's a easy and nice name for a wolf.
Clara Beatriz Vieira Siqueira

7th Grade

Forest

Wolves are accociated with nature and are beautiful creatures roaming the forest.

Not publicized
9th Grade

Kachina



I chose the name Kachina for a wolf pup because it's short for Kweo Kachina. Kweo Kachina is the name of the Hopi wolf spirit. The Hopi are a Native American tribe that live in Arizona, which is part of Mexican gray wolf habitat. I think that Kachina is a really pretty name that would fit a Mexican gray wolf pup perfectly because of its meaning and because it comes from a tribe that lives where Mexican gray wolves live.

Natalia S.
6th Grade

Dillon was a one year old wolf pup who loved his family. One day he went on a hunt with his dad and got lost in the mountains trying to catch a deer for his family to eat. He was lost in the mountains for five nights. On the sixth night he met Sorin, a wise owl. Sorin was able to help Dillon get home by flying in the sky while Dillon chased him. Dillon was so thankful to the owl for helping him get home that he was his loyal friend for the rest of their lives.

Dillon means loyal

Dillon

**Alexis S.
6th Grade**

Ingles(a)
English

This poem **explains** the
relation of the wolf and the
wind. ~~This~~ This is why I would like
a wolf to be called wind or
Viento.

Wind

The wolf runs
like the wind.

The howl of the
wolf is heard
in the wind. In
the still of night
in the noise of the
day, the wolf's wind
is above all.



Spanish
Español(a)
El lobo corre
como el viento.
El aullido del lobo
se escucha en el
viento. En la quietud
de la noche en el ruido
del día, el viento del
lobo es ~~sobre~~ todo.

Viento / Wind

Adam Doner
6th Grade

⚡️Anubis, Our Wolf Cub⚡️

We decided to name our wolf cub Anubis after the Egyptian god of the underworld. We chose this name because Anubis was depicted by ancient Egyptians with a human body and the head of what's usually called a gold jackal. *Funk and Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia* said, "Anubis was given the head of a Jackal" (Wagnalls ¹).

This makes the name Anubis work really well for our wolf cub because jackals and wolves are related. According to *The Encyclopedia of Animals*, "Wolves, coyotes, foxes, jackals, and many other wild or untamed animals are also members of the dog family." (Animals ²).

Even better, though, some experts say that Anubis had the head of a wolf. According to an article by John Wyatt in *Ancient Egypt Magazine*, "Archeologists have identified Anubis's sacred animal as an Egyptian canid, the African golden wolf. The African wolf was formerly called the 'African golden jackal'" (Wyatt ¹). As a result, Anubis's head is now more properly called a wolf head, so Anubis is a perfect name for our wolf cub.

Another reason for the name Anubis is that he was a powerful god, and we want the cub to grow into a powerful wolf. He was one of the most important Egyptian gods along with Ra, Horus, and others.

Ancient Egyptians believed that Anubis was the protector of tombs, the embalmer, the guide of souls, and the weigher of hearts. He had an ancient weighing device that used a balance and a feather called the feather of truth. After a person died, if their heart weighed more than the feather, then Anubis's pet Ammit (a crocodile/lion/hippopotamus hybrid) would eat it. If their heart weighed less, that meant that they were good and got to keep moving forward to heaven.

One interesting thing about Egyptian deities is that we use their Greek names instead of the actual Egyptian ones. For example, Anubis is his Greek name, while his real name in Egyptian sounds something like *Inpw*. But Anubis sounds much better for our cub.

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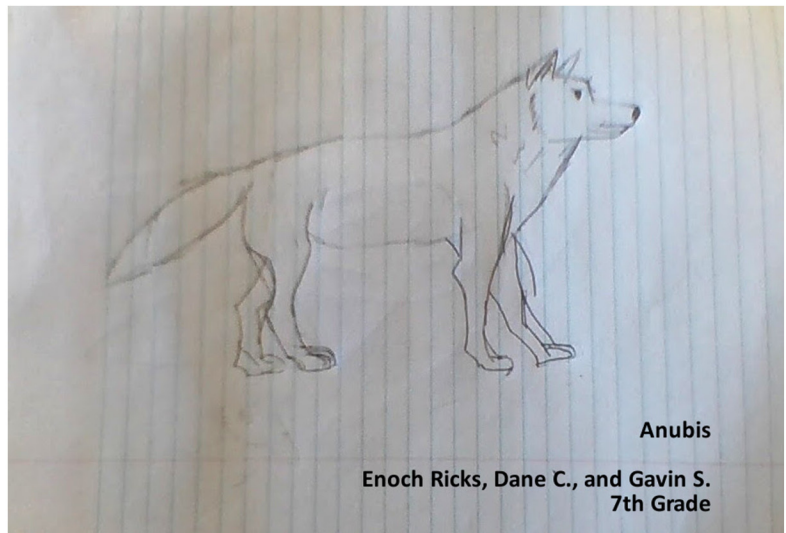
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Anubis

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7th Grade



I chose the name Asha because it means happy hope in Indian, and I think that Mexican Grey Wolves have a happy hope of surviving because so many people are working hard to protect and help these magnificent creatures. I also Chose it because wolves are happy and hopeful beings. I hope the pup with this name grows up to be a healthy, playful, and important wolf in her pack. In my drawing, I represented two Mecixan Grey Wolves spending time with each other because family is very important to wolves.



Asha

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Charcoal

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Charcoal

Before we start, did you know that Mexican gray wolves are the smallest of the Gray wolf subspecies? Now, for the wolf project our Mexican Grey Wolf cub is named Charcoal. Charcoal has many reasons why it is an appropriate name for this type of wolf. Charcoal is a shade of gray and so are Mexican Grey Wolves fur. Charcoal is a color of grey with traces of navy and black. Also, this name is very adorable and it can be called Char for a nickname. On the website BournCreative it says, “Dark, charcoal gray communicates some of the strength and mystery of black. It is a sophisticated color that lacks the negativity of the color black” (Bourn 1). This shows that like wolves, charcoal signifies strength and mystery but is not as gloomy as the color black.

Another fact about Mexican Grey Wolves is that nearly 4 decades ago they almost went extinct, so it is even more important that we continue to support Mexican Grey Wolves and so these magnificent creatures won’t vanish. Additionally, according to the Gale In Context: Middle School, “Wolves can be fierce predators. They can crush bones with their teeth. No wonder people have always feared wolves. Today, people understand wolves better. People have learned that wolves rarely attack humans. Wolves are important to the natural world, too” (Miller 1). This explains that the name Charcoal is perfect because charcoal is fierce and strong but is also beautiful like wolves. Also, on nationalgeographic.org it explains how the Mexican Grey Wolves are fierce predators and how them coming back helped the environment and animals in Yellowstone by controlling the overpopulation. This also explains that wolves are fierce but also helpful in the environment.

In brief, with this information we learned that Mexican Gray Wolves are fierce and strong but also, beautiful. This supports our claim that Charcoal would be a great name for a Mexican Gray Wolf Club because the color charcoal grey represents strength and mystery but is not as negative as black. It represents wolves perfectly, is a lovely name and can have a nickname of Char. These are some of the reasons why the name Charcoal would fit well for a Mexican Grey wolf cub.

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Charcoal

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Hayat

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Hayat the Perfect Name

An amazing name for a Mexican wolf cub is Hayat that means life in Turkish, but also sounds really cool. Mexican gray wolves also brought life when they were reintroduced to Yellowstone. Another reason Hayat is a great name is that Gray Wolves are an endangered species and if a cub was named Hayat, it would almost be a miracle that this cub was born.

To start out, Hayat is an amazing and appropriate name because in Turkish it means life. In 1976, Mexican gray wolves started being considered endangered animals. I know this because the Endangered Wolf Center website states “1976, the Mexican wolf was placed on the Endangered Species List.” If not for some good people, Mexican Gray Wolves would have gone extinct. It really is a miracle that this species is alive since many other animals have gone extinct because of humans and us humans just watched them die out.

To end, Hayat is an amazing name! In Turkish it means life and these wolves brought tons of life when they were reintroduced to Yellowstone. Hayat is also a good name because these wolves almost went extinct and the fact that they’re still living is amazing! This is why I think that a Mexican wolf cub should be named Hayat.

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Hayat

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Lakota

Lakota is the best name for a Mexican grey wolf pup. This is because Lakota means friend in Blackfoot. Wolves can get along and be friendly with each other. Wolves are not the vicious creatures as shown in myths and legends. They are animals that care and look out for one another. Lakota was also the omega in the Sawtooth wolf pack. Even though he was an omega he was the most eager to play. He tried to act nicely with the other wolves, it was in his best interests to keep the pack's mood light. Although Lakota was an omega, this pup isn't destined to be one too. As Lakota means friend, this is the best name for a Mexican grey wolf pup.

Lakota

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Matzi

Matzi is the best name for a Mexican grey wolf pup. This is because Matzi means sweet and brave in Blackfoot. Being sweet and brave are good qualities for a wolf. Wolves have to be brave because they face many dangers. In cold winters they could starve to death, larger animals could injure or kill a wolf. Wolves are also very sweet creatures. They are not the vicious animals as portrayed in myths and fairy tales but are very loving and sweet. The book *Living with wolves* by Jim and Jamie Dutcher states "Gordon showed us the skull of a wolf that had suffered a broken jaw. Likely kicked by a moose or caribou. The injury had healed and the wolf had lived for several more years. A wolf with such an injury certainly could not have hunted and could not have eaten solid for a while. The only way he could have survived was for his packmates to have taken care of him, likely by regurgitating food for him as they would for pups. There was no practical reason for the others to have taken care of him, but he was one of them, a bonded pack member and part of the family. They wouldn't let him down." Wolves are very sweet and loving. Matzi means sweet and brave. Matzi was also the name of the beta wolf of the Sawtooth wolf pack. This was a pack of wolves meant to show people how wolves are not ferocious creatures, but kind animals. Matzi was also the name of the last surviving wolf of the Datil Mountain Wolf Pack. Matzi of the Datil wolf pack had the official number, F1685. She was found dead in June, 2020 in New Mexico. Therefore Matzi is the best name for a Mexican grey wolf pup, as a tribute to her.

Matzi

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Pico

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A suitable name for a Mexican Gray Wolf would be Pico, which translates to “peak” in Spanish, because this species lives in mountains which typically have a handful of peaks, similarly to how packs have several members. “Historically, Mexican wolves were found in a variety of southwestern habitats. However, they were not low desert dwellers. They preferred mountain woodlands, probably because of the favorable combination of cover, water, and available prey” (Fossil Rim Wildlife Center). This strengthens the connection between the name Pico and a Mexican Gray Wolf’s habitat. Mexican Gray Wolves live in a mountain environment, therefore a name that derives from Spanish, such as Pico, fits well with the lifestyle of a Mexican Gray Wolf and its species’ name.

Mexican Gray Wolves live in packs, which relates to the name Pico because mountain ranges often contain several peaks, similarly to how wolf packs contain multiple members. “Very rarely do mountains occur individually. In most cases, they are found in elongated ranges or chains” (Britannica). Wolves are very social creatures, and it is extremely rare to encounter a wolf by itself, which is comparable to how it is extremely rare to find a single mountain. In closing, Pico would be a fantastic name for a Mexican Gray Wolf because mountains have multiple peaks, which can be related to how wolf packs have several members.

Pico

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Scuto

Scuto is the best name for a Mexican grey wolf pup. This is because the name Scuto means shield in latin. Scuto is also the name of Flavia Gemian's dog in "The Roman Mysteries" book series by Caroline Lawrence. Scuto protects Flavia and her friends Joanteh, Nubia, and Lupus from the dangers of Ancient Rome. Scuto acts as a shield between Flavia and the danger. Scuto proves his loyalty by protecting Lupus, Flavia, and Joanteh from getting lost in the city of Rome. Scuto also helps to calm Nubia when she first comes to Ostia from a foreign land. Scuto acts as a shield and protector to Flavia and her friends. Scuto stays loyal to them no matter the danger. Wolves are also loyal protectors and are shields between the dangers of the wild and the pups in a pack. Wolves will do whatever it takes to protect their pups and packmates from danger. The alpha pair of a pack will even sacrifice their lives to save/protect their pups. Wolves will chase away any threats to protect their packmates. The experienced alpha pair, yearlings, and adult wolves of the pack will do anything to protect each other and their pups. Wolves will even try and scare off bears, coyotes, foxes, and even bobcats to protect their pups and packmates. Wolves act as a shield between predators and young pups. Furthermore, when two armies in ancient times would approach each other, they would have their shields in front of them to deflect attacks and keep the soldiers safe. Together the shields form a barrier of safety. When there's only one shield, attackers can get in and cause harm. When wolves are traveling or hunting as a pack, they will stay strong. When a wolf disperses from their pack they leave the safety of the barrier of shields. When a wolf leaves their pack they are leaving their home, as well as the protection and defense of the pack. When all the wolves in a pack come together they create a barrier hard to penetrate. Together wolves are as strong as a shield. Therefore, Scuto is the best name for a Mexican grey wolf pup.

Scuto

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7th Grade**

Smokey

There are many species of wolves all across America. I have been learning about Mexican grey wolves. Mexican grey wolves are beautiful and majestic creatures. If I could name a Mexican gray wolf cub, I would name him Smokey.

I would name him Smokey because, the mexican grey wolf has grey fur that looks like smoke. Sadly, they were also once hunted. When the wolves were hunted, they seemed to vanish like smoke. "Mexican wolves were listed as an endangered species in 1976." (Mexican Wolf Returns to the Wild, par. 7). Since then, the population has increased.

Wolves are amazing animals and deserve a lot of respect. They brought life back to Yellowstone National Park through balancing the ecosystem as they help a lot of other animals to live and thrive. It's time that we help them survive. (Yellowstone National Park Video).



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Smokey

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Sylvan

I have chosen the name Sylvan, because it means a place that consists of woods, aka a forest. Mexican wolves often hunt in forests, so I thought this name would be fitting.”



Sylvan

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