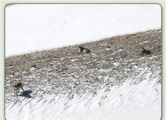## Wolf Quiz

Mexican gray wolves are important animals in the Southwest, but they are nearly extinct. Only by learning more about them and carefully managing them can we hope to bring them back to healthy populations. Who knows, you may even one day have the good fortune of seeing these beautiful wolves in the wild. In the meantime, see how much you know about wolves. The answers are at the end of the test... no peeking.

(1) Mexican wolves weigh about _____ pounds.
a. 50-85
b. 100-125
c. 25-40
d. 15-20

(2) Female Mexican wolves usually give birth to a litter of about ____ pups in the spring.
a. 2
b. 5
c. 10
d. 15

(3) Mexican wolves nearly became extinct mainly because of _____.
a. Pollution
b. Global warming
c. Habitat loss
d. Trapping and poisoning by government trappers

(4) Mexican wolves mark the boundaries of their territory with _____.
a. Sticks
b. Rocks
c. Urine
d. Fur

(5) The Mexican wolf is a _____.
a. Carnivore
b. Omnivore
c. Herbivore
d. None of these

(6) A Mexican wolf pack is most like a _____.
a. Football team
b. Family
c. Gang
d. Club

(7) Mexican wolves are member of the _____ family.
a. Cat
b. Bear
c. Dog
d. Hyena

(8) The fur of Most Mexican wolves is colored _____.
a. Nearly white
b. All gray
c. Buff, gray, rust and black
d. Black and white

(9) Mexican wolves communicate by _____.
a. Howling
b. Scent marking
c. Body posture and facial expressions
d. All of these

(10) Mexican wolf mothers usually give birth to their pups in a den located _____.
a. Under a rock ledge
b. In an enlarged burrow
c. Under a tree
d. Any of these

(11) Mexican wolves live in which of the following habitats?
a. Mountain forests and grasslands
b. Polar regions
c. Low deserts
d. Swamps

(12) Mexican wolves carry meat home to their pups from an animal they have killed in their _____.
a. Paws
b. Backpacks
c. Stomachs (They regurgitate the food for the pups)
d. None of these

(13) There have been no confirmed reports of Mexican wolves in the wild in Mexico since _____.
a. 1980
b. 1970
c. 1960
d. 1950

(14) The scientific name for the Mexican gray wolf is _____.
a. Scooby Doo
b. Canis lupus baileyi
c. El Lobo
d. Frank

(15) People who see a Mexican gray wolf in the wild _____.
a. have keen eyesight
b. get excited
c. feel very lucky
d. all the above

Answers: 1) a., 2) b., 3) d., 4) c., 5) a., 6) b., 7) c., 8) c., 9) d., 10) d., 11) a., 12) c., 13) a., 14) b., 15) d.