



QUICK STATISTICS

Species: Red wolf

Eye color: Gold

Weight: 51 lbs

Max speed: 36 - 38 mph

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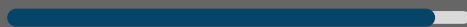
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RUNNING SKILLS

ENDURANCE



SPEED



WHY LAVA RUNS

Wolves are travelers by nature – they rely on their powerful legs to propel them across wide expanses of land in search of food, new homes, and companionship. Although wolves can sprint fairly quickly, their lean and lanky bodies are best equipped for long distance travel. If traveling at a casual lope of 5 mph, wolves can cover over 30 miles in one day!

Wolves at the WCC have their own reasons to wander. Red wolf Lava runs to explore her ever-changing enclosure; filled with dense vegetation, she never knows which new animal has flown, crawled, or slithered into her territory. Soaring and leaping over fallen trees provides Lava with a glimpse of the freedom she'll hopefully have one day!

ABOUT RED WOLVES

The red wolf (*Canis rufus*) is one of the world's most endangered wild canids. Once common throughout the southeastern United States, red wolf populations were decimated by the 1960s due to intensive predator control programs and loss of habitat. By 1987, enough red wolves were bred in captivity to begin a restoration program on Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern North Carolina. As of May 2022, there is a single wild population comprising only 12 known individuals.