

NIKAI
GRAY WOLF

QUICK STATISTICS

Species: Gray wolf
Eye color: Gold
Weight: 79 lbs
Max speed: 36 - 38 mph

CONNECT WITH TEAM NIKAI

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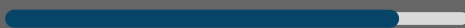
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RUNNING SKILLS

ENDURANCE



SPEED



WHY NIKAI 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. Gray wolf Nikai loves to play and chasing his older brother Zephyr is usually his primary reason for running! When seeking to play, Nikai will dance and bow playfully; playtime can also include a game of chase, jaw sparring, and varied vocalizations. Much to Zephyr's chagrin, Nikai is quite quick and he's never too tired for tag!

ABOUT GRAY WOLVES

Gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) are the most common wolf species. Found across the Northern Hemisphere, gray wolves are built to survive in a variety of environments. Gray wolves in the lower 48 United States are listed as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act, thus protecting them from recreational hunting and trapping. Gray wolves that range across the Northern Rockies are exempt from this listing and wolf hunts occur annually in Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana.