



# SONDA (m2738)

MEXICAN GRAY WOLF

BORN MAY 3, 2022

## QUICK STATISTICS

SPECIES: MEXICAN GRAY WOLF

EYE COLOR: GOLD

WEIGHT: 17 LBS

## CONNECT WITH SONDA

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## DID YOU KNOW?

WILD MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES LIVE IN ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO, AND MEXICO.

## ABOUT SONDA

SONDA WAS BORN AT THE WCC IN 2022 TO MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES TRUMPET AND LIGHTHAWK. HE AND HIS TWO SISTERS QUICKLY CAPTURED THE HEARTS OF A GLOBAL AUDIENCE WHO WITNESSED THEIR FIRST SQUEAKS VIA LIVE STREAMING WEBCAMS.

ALTHOUGH SONDA IS NOW THE ONLY REMAINING MEMBER OF HIS LITTER (ONE SISTER WAS CROSS-FOSTERED TO THE IRON CREEK PACK IN NEW MEXICO, AND THE OTHER SISTER SADLY PASSED AWAY FROM UNKNOWN CAUSES), HE STILL PROVIDES ENDLESS ENTERTAINMENT FOR HIS FANS AND HIS FAMILY. THE RAPIDLY GROWING YOUNGSTER LOVES TO PLAY AND EXPLORE, BUT STILL APPRECIATES A NAP IN THE SHADE. WE'RE EXCITED TO WATCH HIM CONTINUE TO DEVELOP INTO A CARING, CURIOUS ADULT - ALL UNDER THE CAREFUL TUTELAGE OF HIS LOVING FAMILY!

## ABOUT MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES

THE MEXICAN GRAY WOLF (*CANIS LUPUS BAILEYI*) OR "LOBO" IS THE MOST GENETICALLY DISTINCT LINEAGE OF WOLVES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, AND ONE OF THE MOST ENDANGERED MAMMALS IN NORTH AMERICA. BY THE MID-1980S, HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND POISONING CAUSED THE EXTINCTION OF LOBOS IN THE WILD, WITH ONLY A HANDFUL REMAINING IN CAPTIVITY. IN 1998 THE WOLVES WERE REINTRODUCED INTO THE WILD AS PART OF A FEDERAL REINTRODUCTION PROGRAM UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. TODAY IN THE U.S., THERE IS A SINGLE WILD POPULATION COMPRISING 196 INDIVIDUALS.