

GREY WOLF

- In 2018, the resilient and clever wolf was declared the national animal of Estonia. As a brave animal that protects its family and territory and values privacy, the wolf is the perfect national animal to symbolize Estonia and Estonians. Wolves are also very common in our traditions, spells, and folk tales.
- The wolf was “elected” by several local organizations, such as the Estonian Nature Society, the Estonian Natural History Museum and Tallinn Zoo. “Wolf is a natural part of our environment and leaves no one indifferent,” Marju Kõivupuu, an Estonian folklorist, told the country’s public broadcaster ERR. “The wolf is one of the most popular animals in our folk tales, there are over 500 names and stories written down about this animal.”
- There are currently about 200 wolves in Estonia, divided between 20-25 packs. The wolves are distributed almost evenly across the country, but they live mostly in large wilderness areas.



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