

Encounters Between Wolves, Humans, and Their Dogs in West and North Greenland

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APPENDIX 1

Historical and archaeological observations of wolves and possible wolf evidence in North and West Greenland. The numbered notes correspond to the localities shown in Figure 1. This comprehensive table integrates all the historical, archaeological, and modern evidence related to wolf encounters in Greenland, ensuring that all relevant information is accurately presented.

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Saqqaq Culture	~2500–800 BC	Jens Rosing	Wolf tooth found in Itinnera in the Nuuk district	1	Fleischer, 1977; Rosing, 2000
Norse	~1260	Bishop Einar Gunnarsson	Many wolves sighted in West Greenland	2	Jónsson, 1926
Norse	~982–1360 AD	Jens Rosing	Wolf cranium and tooth discovered in Nipaatsaq in the Nuuk district	3	Möhl, 1982; Rosing, 2000; Rosing and Andreassen, 1978; Vibe, 1967
Norse	~982–1360 AD	Áká Simonsen	Stone wolf traps found in Vesterbygden and Østerbygden	4	Bruun, 1915, 1905, 1895; Guldager et al., 2002; Petersen, 2010
1750–Present	~1830 AD	Hunters in Illorsuit	Wolf sighting in Illorsuit, Uummannaq Fjord	5	Funch and Pedersen, 2015; Petersen, 2010
1750–Present	1867 AD	A man from Ilimanaq	Wolf seen in Tasiusaq	6	Brown, 1868; Porsild, 1916
1750–Present	1868–69 AD	Edvard Kruse	Two wolves killed dogs in Illorsuit	7	Kruse, 1992; Petersen, 2010; Porsild, 1916
1750–Present	1868 AD	Pavia Nielsen, Edvard Kruse	Ituumi shot a male wolf in Illorsuit	8	Kruse, 1992; P. Nielsen, 2018
1750–Present	1868–69 AD		Tracks of wolf and pups observed	9	Reinhardt, 1875
1750–Present	1898–1902 AD	Otto Sverdrup	Wolves observed on Ellesmere Island	10	Sverdrup, 1903
1750–Present	>1970s AD		The Inughuit hunted polar bears on their ancestral hunting grounds every year on Ellesmere Island	11	Dick, 2001
1750–Present	>1921 AD	Knud Rasmussen	Inughuit hunted muskox on their ancestral grounds in Ellesmere Island and Axel Heiberg Island every April and May	12	Rasmussen, 1921
1750–Present	>1948 AD	Donald B. MacMillan, Knud Rasmussen, Christian Vibe	Wolves followed sled trails from Ellesmere Island to Avanarsuaq	13	MacMillan, 1927; Rasmussen, 1915; Vibe, 1948
1750–Present	>1938 AD	Magnus Degerbøl, Peter Freuchen, David Haig–Thomas	Expedition members observed wolves on Ellesmere Island	14	Degerbøl and Freuchen, 1935; Haig–Thomas, 1939
1750–Present	1914 AD	Morten Porsild, Erling Porsild	Three possible sightings of wolves in Blåsedalen in Qeqertarsuaq	15	Porsild, 1916
1750–Present	1914 AD	Colonial worker	Dogs fought with three large animals in Qeqertarsuaq	16	Porsild, 1916
1750–Present	1914 AD	Erling Porsild	Tracks of three large animals, believed to be wolves, seen in Qeqertarsuaq	17	Porsild, 1916
1750–Present	1914 AD	Hunters in Qullissat	Howls heard from the mountain, and three white, dog-like animals spotted in Qullissat ¹	18	Porsild, 1916
1750–Present	~1914 AD	Tobias Gabrielsen	Two wolves seen on the south coast of Qeqertarsuaq	19	Porsild, 1916
1750–Present	1915 AD	Erling Porsild	Tracks of three alleged wolves found in Qeqertarsuaq	20	Porsild, 1916
1750–Present	1915 AD	Caribou hunters	A caribou shank with wolf-like bite marks discovered in Ataneq, Sisimiut district	21	Porsild, 1916
1750–Present	1915 AD	Peter Hansen	Two wolves seen on the beach while sailing in Appat/Ritenbenk district	22	Porsild, 1916
1750–Present	1920–1932 AD	Hans Nielsen	Wolves reported roaming in Inglesfield Land and Olrik Fjord	23	Vibe, 1946
1750–Present	1926 AD	Jens Rosing	A wolf shot in Uummannaq	24	Schultz–Lorentzen, 1999
1750–Present	1926 AD	Pavia Nielsen	A wolf shot in Uummannaq	25	P. Nielsen, 2018
1750–Present	1932 AD	Jens Rosing	Two or three wolves roaming in Appat/Ritenbenk	26	Schultz–Lorentzen, 1999
1750–Present	1937 AD		A wolf killed in Inuaarfissuaq	27	Vibe, 1944
1750–Present	1944 AD		A wolf seen on Saunders Island Appat	28	Vibe, 1944
1750–Present	1946–1947 AD	Elisebannguaq Johansen	A couple of wolves wintered in Illorsuit without being caught	29	Petersen, 2010
1750–Present	>1940 AD	Christian Vibe	Arctic wolves were integral part of life; Panigpak even kept a wolf pup with sled dogs on Axel Heiberg Island	30	Vibe, 1948
1950–Present	1950s AD	K'aermgâk Nielsen	A wolf roamed in Savissivik	31	K. Nielsen, 2018
1950–Present	1954 AD	Dawes	Meko killed a wolf in a fox trap on Salve Ø, Savissivik	32	Bornemann, 1954; Dawes, 1978
1750–Present	~1958 AD	Aqqa Lund & farmers	A wolf observed in South Greenland	33	Simonsen, 2022
1750–Present	>1960s AD	Eqilana Sadorana Simigaaq	A dog in heat was tethered and mated with a wolf in Nunatarsuaq	34	E. S. Simigaaq, 2018

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1750–Present	>1960s AD	Tukúmek Peary	An old woman found a wolf in a fox trap in Sermiarsuk in the Savissivik district	35	Peary, 2018
1750–Present	>1960s AD	Mamarut Kristiansen	A wolf found in a fox trap in Avanersuaq	36	Kristiansen, 2018
1750–Present	~1964 AD	Kaigungnak K'issuk	An encounter led to the killing of a large wolf in Anoritoq	37	Dawes, 1978
1750–Present	1967 AD	Balika & Magssannguaq Jensen	A wolf shot in Ilerlakoriak, Granville Bay	38	Dawes, 1978
1750–Present	1971–1974 AD	Hans Egede Berthelsen	Warned about wolves near the head of Siorapaluk Fjord	39	Berthelsen, 2022
1750–Present	1974 AD	Ikou Oshima	Saw a wolf with K'aerngâk and Taatsiannguaq in Aunnartoq; K'aerngâk shot it	40	Departement for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	1974 AD	Kaigungnak K'issuk	A female wolf shot in Rensselar/Aunnartoq	41	Dawes, 1978
1750–Present	1978 AD	Edvard Samuelsen	A wolf shot and killed in Nuugaatsiaq at a fishing spot	42	Petersen, 2010; Samuelsen, 2018
1750–Present	1978 AD	Lars Jeremiassen	Male wolves came close when female dogs were in heat in Alert	43	Jeremiassen, 2018
1750–Present	~1980 AD		Wolf tracks observed every year in Qinnivuiup nunaa/Svartenhuk	44	Petersen, 2010
1750–Present	1992 AD	Frederik Grønvold	During summer, tracks of a wolf with cubs seen in Qinnivuiup nunaa/Svartenhuk	45	Petersen, 2010
1750–Present	~2000 AD	Paulus Simigaaq	Caribou are migrating southward from the areas of Etah and Aunnartoq	46	Departement for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	~2000 AD	Paulus Simigaaq	Wolves observed in Etah, Aunnartoq and Siorapaluk	47	Departement for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	~2000 AD	Mads Ole Kristiansen	In the early 2000s, wolf tracks began to be observed near Qaqaatsut	48	Departement for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2008 AD	Paulus Simigaaq	A wolf approached a 2–3-year-old child with two women but fled when the parents arrived. Later, they realized it was searching for food for its pups close to Siorapaluk	49	Departement for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	2009 AD	Ârqiunguaq Qaerngâq	Many wolf prints seen on the ice in Qaqaatsut	50	Departement for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	2010 AD	Ilánguak Qaerngâq	A wolf showed interest in a child in Atikerluk	51	I. Qaerngâq, 2018
1750–Present	~2013 AD	Ârqiunguaq Qaerngâq	Wolves came to the Etah area	52	Departement for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	2015 AD	Qillaq Danielsen	A wolf shot in Qaanaaq	53	Platou, 2015
1750–Present	2016 AD	Eqlana Sadorana Simigaaq	A group of children harvesting mussels near Siorapaluk mistook a wolf for a big dog	54	E. S. Simigaaq, 2018
1750–Present	2016 AD	Arnarlunguaq Nellie Kristensen	Wolf sighting	55	Kristensen, 2024
1750–present	2016 AD	Patdloq Hendriksen	Authorities granted permission to shoot a wolf in Ilerlak	56	Hendriksen, 2019
1750–Present	2016 AD	Kommunefoged	A wolf subsequently shot in Ilerlak	57	Søndergaard, 2016
1750–Present	2017 AD	Ârqiunguaq Qaerngâq	Wolf observed in Qaanaaq	58	Departement for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	2017 AD	Rasmus Avike	Skeletons of muskox calves found in Inglefield Land	59	Avike, 2018
1750–Present	>2019 AD	Toku Oshima	Two wolves seen near fishing spot in Qaanaaq	60	Departement for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2018 AD	Panigpak Daorana	Wolves seen in Inuarfissuaq	61	Daorana, 2018
1750–Present	>2018 AD	Âpilánguak Simigaaq	Wolves north of Siorapaluk	62	A. Simigaaq, 2018
1750–Present	>2018 AD	Ârqiunguaq Qaerngâq	Wolves observed in Qaqaatsut, Etah, Anoritoq, and Canada	63	Â. Qaerngâq, 2018
1750–Present	2018 AD	Mark Hutchison	On the first day, 16th July, we were woken at 6 a.m. by a lone wolf that set off the bear tripwire alarm at our tent in Inglefield Land	64	Hutchison, 2025
1750–Present	2018 AD	Mark Hutchison	On the second day, 17th July, we returned to our camp around 8:45 in the morning to find a group of eleven wolves. Our own dog borrowed from a hunter in Qaanaaq appears on the left, in the foreground of the photo. You can see that she is chained and looks rather scared her tail firmly tucked between her legs. I was later informed by the Greenland Institute of Natural Resources that if she had been a male, the male wolves would have killed him, or if a mature female, the female wolves likely would have killed her, she was lucky to be a young female. With us two geologists, the wolves remained calm, non-aggressive, and merely curious, staying for about 15 minutes, likely attracted by the scent of our dog and camp	65	Hutchison, 2025

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1750–Present	~2018 AD	Paulus Simigaaq	A Japanese traveler in the far north was briefly followed by a group of wolves before they stopped	66	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2019 AD	Peter Duneq	My wife and son heard wolves howling. They later saw two wolves in Siorapaluk	67	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2019 AD	Peter Duneq	A wolf observed catching a hare not far from Siorapaluk	68	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2019 AD	Peter Duneq	Many wolves observed	69	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2019 AD	Peter Duneq	A Japanese traveler mentioned encountering 6–7 wolves on a trip to the ice sheet. The wolves stayed close by	70	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2019 AD	Olennguaq Kristensen	Saw footprints of two wolves in Olrik Fjord and a dead caribou that the wolves had eaten	71	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2019 AD	Tobias Alataq	Wolves came close and forced little auk hunters to retreat	72	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2019 AD	Toku Oshima	Wolves allegedly preyed on humans in Olrik Fjord, but they had dogs and escaped	73	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2019 AD	Ikou Oshima	Saw a wolf in Aunnartoq	74	Oshima, 2019
1750–Present	2019 AD	Patdloq Hendriksen	Wolf footprints observed in Siorapaluk	75	Hendriksen, 2019
1750–Present	2019 AD	Ikou Oshima	Muskox hunting in Etah, saw wolf footprints and three wolves	76	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	2019 AD	Ikou Oshima	After catching a muskox, he drove dogsled to Pitrafik and stayed for the night; four wolves trailed his sled tracks	77	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	>2019 AD	Mads Ole Kristiansen	On Olrik Fjord, fishermen fired a warning shot at a wolf but had to shoot it after it approached the dogs	78	Department for Fiskeri og Fangst, 2020
1750–Present	2020 AD	Arrutaaq Kujaukitsoq	Wolf footprints observed in Qaanaaq	79	Kujaukitsoq, 2024
1750–Present	2021 AD	Patdloq Hendriksen	Wolves are nearby in Siorapaluk	80	P. Hendriksen, 2021
1750–Present	2021 AD	Nukagpianguak Hendriksen	Wolf footprints observed daily, and the dogs respond when the wolves howl	81	N. Hendriksen, 2021
1750–Present	2024 AD	Niels Miunge	Wolf footprints observed in Etah	82	Miunge, 2024

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