

SYNOPSIS



Teaming Up with Wolves

Mit Wölfen unter einer Decke

What is the difference between the domestic dog and the wolf if both of them have been raised under the same conditions? What skills got lost and which were gained in the process of domestication? How far are wolves prepared to co-operate with humans, and do they accept domestic dogs as co-operation partners? To get answers to these questions, researchers Friederike Range, Zsafia Viranyi and Professor Kurt Kotrschal have taken up the task - for the first time ever in canid research - to raise a pack of wolves by hand. The Wolf Science Center currently holds three one-year old timber wolves and six pups. In the beginning the animals need extensive attention. The intimate rapport with humans and wolves primarily happens through feeding with the bottle and close body contact at night. It is not yet possible to say which task dogs can do better or worse than wolves, if any. Only one thing is clear: wolves act more independent from humans. The film follows the four American pups for a full year and records their upbringing, their progress in the daily work, their social development and their behavior in the various testing centers.

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Run-Time: 3 x 50 min.

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