

# WOLF, MANED

## RANGE:

Brazil, Northern Argentina, Paraguay, Eastern Bolivia and Southeastern Peru.

## HABITAT:

South American grasslands and scrub forests

## SIZE:

3 ft. tall at shoulder, and weighs 50-55 lbs.

## LIFE EXPECTANCY:

Has been recorded to have lived 12-15 years in captivity. Probably shorter in the wild.

## DIET:

Rodents, hares and birds. Fruits are also known to be a part of their diet.

## REPRODUCTION:

- Lives in monogamous pairs in the wild
- Mates between late spring and early summer. The female initiates courtship by bowing in front of the male and rubbing against him while pounding her forepaws on the ground.
- The female gives birth to 2 - 5 cubs in a den. The male brings food to the den and regurgitates it for the cubs. A cub is fully grown in about a year.
- Gestation Period – 64 days

## BEHAVIOR:

- Maned wolves do not travel in packs, known to be more solitary than other canid groups
- Nocturnal, preferring to rest under forest cover during the day and hunt until sunrise.
- Will raise it's mane to show superiority when encountering a rival

## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Doesn't howl like other canid species but instead will bark, whine or growl.
- According to new examinations the maned wolf is not closely related to any other canid. It is a survivor from the Pleistocene fauna of large South American mammals.

## STATUS:

**Endangered:** As of March, 2006, only a total of 92 maned wolves were reported in captivity in AZA accredited zoos. And less than 80 maned wolves living in North America, with the National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center holding one of the largest populations. The main threat is due to habitat loss, and disease transferred from domestic dogs.

## REFERENCES:

<http://www.iucnredlist.org/search>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maned\\_Wolf](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maned_Wolf)

# theZOO

LOUISVILLE



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Order:	<b>Carnivora</b>
Family:	<b>Canidae</b>
Genus:	<b>Chrysocyon</b>
Species:	<b>brachyurus</b>