

## **INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF WOLF CAPTURE, HANDLING, AND TRANSPORT – A NEW PROJECT IN PLACE <sup>TWS</sup>**

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As wolf populations expand in North America and on other continents, an increasing number of wolves are captured for research and management. And as wolves in the United States are delisted, management will be transferred to other agencies along with the need to transfer our knowledge of practical, humane, and successful field techniques. Yet currently, there are no standards in wolf capture and handling and no single source of information contrasting and comparing methods necessary for defining standards. Wildlife Veterinary Resources, Inc. (WVR) is compiling an international review of wolf capture, handling, and transport. WVR, a tax-exempt organization dedicated to building upon our professional experiences, is developing funding, clerical support, and editors to help wolf professionals compile their growing published and unpublished knowledge. The goal for this comprehensive review is to assemble detailed information from as many qualified wolf professionals as possible in a format acknowledging their contributions. Databases will include: 1) published literature, 2) unpublished information, 3) equipment with company information, and 4) contact information of wolf professionals to facilitate networking. This project is the first comprehensive international review for any wildlife species and will serve as a model for other wildlife. A strategy team of wolf professionals will consult on the review process and address pertinent questions and concerns. Wolf professionals are invited to contribute.