

Prior to beginning an observation period, think about questions to focus observations:

Is there a pattern of cohesiveness amongst sleeping arrangements and greeting?

Time spent sleeping?

Sleep associations

Wolf approaching – response from resting wolf – approaching wolf

Selection of resting places

Sleeping/Resting

Side rest

Curl rest

Back rest

Resting

Sphinx rest

Activity – graph the percentage of broad based activity (resting, sleeping, active)

During the time spent sleeping, who slept near whom?

Animals were independent of each other

Animals were grouped by siblings

Animals were grouped by pack

Grouped by non siblings

Which wolf is more solitary?

During active time, who dominated who?

Dominance high tail (T1 tail) Ear posture- Pricked forward. Moving towards or stepping into a activity...Stand Over – Direct eye contact

Who is submissive? Roll over, foreleg stab, ears flat or back, tail lower, Food begging?

Howling

Who initiated it?

Length of each howl?

< 1 minute

1 -2 minutes

2 – 3 minutes

3-4 minutes

>4

Location of dominant male? Position Higher or lower than the pack

Shadow (on rock or not)

Higher

Lower

Equal

Initiates Play? Invite chase, playbow.. run towards you, then whirl

Who initiated greeting? Defined as sniffing, facial contact, tail wagging,

Predatory:

Ambush; eyestalk, stalk, lunge, scruff bites

Chase – Recipient

Bite – Inhibited bite , soft muzzle hard muzzle? – Intensity of interaction

Food defense –

Confidence in defending food? - Ear postures – tail – Hackles – lip curl

Following behavior –

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