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Wolf Attack Stories Told

People who have suffered a wolf attack are telling their stories. Wisconsin Wolf Facts, a non-profit consortium of wildlife and agriculture groups, has begun a new project that will video people's stories about wolf harassments, threats, and attacks (sometimes called wolf depredations).

Two initial videos are now available on the Wisconsin Wolf Facts Facebook page and web site. A cattle farm had over 10 years of incidents with wolves, including horses injured resulting in the horses needing to be put down, a calf killed, and threats to human safety. A pet owner had his champion bird dog killed by wolves at a local park. These attacks and incidents are verified by USDA Wildlife Services investigators and on the official WI DNR Wolf Depredation listing.

"Since wolf management began in Wisconsin, the DNR has kept information about wolf attacks as quiet as possible, except for hunting dogs being attacked by wolves", notes Board Member, Laurie Groskopf. Recently, the DNR began putting current wolf depredation and harassment information up on their web site, and implemented an instant email notification for livestock attacks and harassment. "This video project is the next step to inform Wisconsin residents about the realities of living with wolves," adds Groskopf.

Wisconsin Wolf Facts began two years ago. A volunteer effort, the group has a goal of providing accurate and complete information and education about the effects of wolves in WI. The goal is responsible wolf management.

The video project began with financial assistance from the WI Wildlife Federation and Northern Wisconsin Houndsmen. The WI Wolf Facts Board has written a matching grant to develop further videos. Anyone interested in contributing towards the video project, or anyone wishing to be part of the project, may contact Board Member Laurie Groskopf 715-453-6301. Participant's identity is being protected to guard against abuse and threats from anti-hunting, anti-animal agriculture groups and individuals.