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## **BC Government contractors killing wolf pups in wild**

*FOI documents prove contractors are using “Judas Wolves” and tracking collared cubs in BC wolf cull*

**VICTORIA** – Evidence that government contractors are collaring and hunting down wolf cubs obtained by a wildlife charity reveals the unethical and inhumane nature of British Columbia’s wolf cull.

The Fur-Bearers, a non-partisan wildlife charity founded in 1953, uncovered the disturbing facts through the Freedom of Information process.

A contractor report from January 29, 2022, reads, “We collared a black female pup (#81234) and then were able to track out and euthanize the remaining seven pack members.”

Collared pup #81234 was left alive. The report for March 16, 2022, indicates, “We located #81234 and found she was traveling with another black pup, perhaps missed from the initial cleanup of that pack (??). Euthanized both the black wolves and retrieved the collar by end of day.”

“These disturbing reports show that government contractors are using tax-payer money to collar wolf pups, kill their entire families, and months later go back to kill the pups themselves,” says Aaron Hofman, Director of Policy and Advocacy for The Fur-Bearers. “The British Columbia government says this is necessary to protect endangered caribou herds; yet the government continues to allow logging and industrial development in critical caribou habitat. It’s time for the province to reign in the harms caused by industry, it’s time to stop killing wildlife, and it’s time to start making serious, legislative change to protect our environment and all species within.”

The Fur-Bearers Freedom of Information documents indicate that the story of black female pup #81234 is not isolated, but that this is standard practice for the cull. Residents concerned by this are encouraged to visit [TheFurBearers.com/BCWolfCull](http://TheFurBearers.com/BCWolfCull) to learn more and contact their MLA to take action.

“This senseless, horrific killing can stop, but it takes the courage of a government willing to acknowledge they can do better,” notes Hofman. “We think the people of British Columbia expect no less.”

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