Hunting dogs attacked, killed by wolves in the UP

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Beagle—wrap—

A hunting dog is reportedly one of just two surviving animals after a wolf attack in a remote swamp in the Eastern Upper Peninsula early this month. The incident is sure to re-ignite the debate over wolf hunting.

Marcy Misner reports.

A group of hunters from Ohio and West Virginia were in a Rudyard area swamp August 6 when several dogs belonging to the group were killed.

A State DNR wildlife biologist confirmed the animals were killed by wolves.

The owners had been coming to the area for 20 years to train the dogs to run rabbits. 8 dogs were reportedly killed, one returned to camp with severe injuries and one was lost and presumed dead. The little lost beagle wasn’t dead. He dragged himself into a campsite 4 days and 20 miles later.

The Chippewa County Animal Shelter treated the starving dog.

Animal Control Officer Amy Jo Cole says with Woody’s cuts healed and his weight returning, he’s now ready for adoption.

**I think that’s the beautiful thing about dogs, is that they live in the moment. And they don’t hold onto the past like we do. So he seems like he’s happy and healthy and ready to move on. (:13)**

Meanwhile, the DNR says there are at least 658 wolves in the Upper Peninsula, according to a 2013 winter survey.

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**He said something scattered them and they went out to try to - they said they heard the wolves and they went out to try to get the dogs back and only one dog made it back to the truck … and all they ever found were pieces of the dogs. (:13)**

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**The pack of wolves that’s in the Strongs area, I guess, is a very large pack that does have several dens in that area so the thought is that the dogs got too close a den and so the wolves defended their territory. (:15)**

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