

WOLVES AND HUMANS

Wolves have something in common with dogs that may come (0) AS a surprise to you. A recent study carried (1) by Dr Dorottya Ujfalussy and her colleagues at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest has shown that wolves, like dogs, can become fond (2) of humans. For three months, ten researchers each raised one wolf cub at home as (3) if it were a normal puppy; they cuddled the cubs, fed them from bottles and (4) took them for walks.

The first discovery they made (5) was that young wolves are difficult to control and make terrible pets. It seems there is (6) no safe place for your cup of coffee with a wolf cub in the home. It also became clear, though, that they are able to form lasting relationships with humans. Aged two to four months, the cubs were relocated to the animal park where they (7) had been born. Here, they were visited regularly by their caregivers, who found that even after two years, the wolves greeted them (8) more warmly than they did a human stranger.