

Scientists Prepare to Breed 'De-Extinct' Dire Wolves in Shocking Genetic Breakthrough

The prospect of bringing extinct species back to life is rapidly moving from fantasy to reality.

Biotechnology company Colossal Biosciences announced its genetically engineered dire wolves are now old enough to breed, marking a major milestone in the controversial field of "de-extinction."

The company previously revealed it had created three dire wolf pups by reconstructing the extinct animal's genome using ancient DNA and genetically modifying gray wolf embryos to resemble the prehistoric predator.

"The plan is to create an inter-breedable population of dire wolves in which they would eventually breed naturally to create a sustainable population of the world's first de-extinct species," chief animal officer Matt James told The Telegraph.



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The wolves currently live on a secure 2,000-acre preserve in the United States under constant monitoring.

"The dire wolves are doing great," Ben Lamm, chief executive and co-founder of Colossal Biosciences, said in comments published by the Daily Mail. "We hope to have more dire wolf pups by the end of the year."

The announcement has renewed ethical and ecological concerns about reviving extinct species.

Some scientists argue the animals are not true dire wolves, but genetically modified gray wolves designed to mimic the extinct predator. Others warn modern ecosystems may not safely support resurrected apex predators.

“There would also be the potential for increased human and wolf conflict,” paleontologist Nic Rawlence of the University of Otago previously told the Daily Mail.

Ecologist Stuart Pimm of Duke University questioned whether extinct species can truly be restored after ecosystems have changed so dramatically.

As biotechnology advances, the debate is no longer whether extinct species can be revived. It is whether humanity should revive them at all.

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