List and Classification of Werewolves
(according to yours truly)
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This idea comes from a few years now, from watching Angel and the now famous episode among werewolf fans were the character of Claire gets bitten by a werewolf and later transforms into one; when the first and then dead werewolf is taken to Angel’s headquarters the scientist that receives it excitedly pronounces the Latin classification of the werewolf’s breed, hence lightening up the idea in me about making a classification of werewolf breeds seeing the many representations of them in movies, TV and books.

Of course, this is a personal list meant to be applied in the universe where Wendy Lupine moves along with other OC’s from me and my pals (if they allow); there are quite a number of other lists from more committed Werewolf fans which I do not have intention of replace, this is just for future reference for me and the leisure of my pals and readers.

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<td>Natural Wolf</td>
<td>Canis Lupus</td>
<td>Canine about 2-3 feet tall and 6 feet long, weight 120 pounds, carnivore and lives in forests.</td>
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The natural or wild wolf is the canine known by everyone, a very elegant and beautiful animal built to hunt on forests and Nordic places, has a pack nature with distinctive social behavior, takes care of the young and can socialize with humans if not attacked, hunted near extinction by humans but is coming back. Other Canis species can be added here, like foxes, jackals, hyenas, coyotes, dingoes and dog breeds that are most closely related to wolves.

Lesser Breeds

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<td>Human that has been grazed by a werewolf, becoming polluted but not a true werewolf, is just a person with a few wolf traits, like some fur, claws and fangs.</td>
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This werewolf is more a human that behaves like a werewolf, shows sharp teeth and claw-like nails, a deep scowl with bushy brows and pointy ears, no muzzle but a black nose at best; may show fur in different stages of thickness that range for almost nudity to full coverage (Wolfman), they change with the moon and have no memory of what they do during the change, very vicious and bloody they can attack even her love ones—often happens-
The first real werewolf of the list, barely deserves attention by some more evolved breeds as they barely consider them as true werewolves, they are normal humans with a real curse upon them that wears them out, the stressful change and guilt they feel after each change knowing the savage nature of the Lesser being too much for their body and psyche, this poor victims often die young or within a few years after being contaminated; the lycanthropy of this breed is passed only by the attack of one carrying it and under the full Moon. A few poor souls may never change back (Ginger Snaps).

The hounds come from the unimaginative and weak movies and TV shows were they prefer to use real wolves or dogs (Huskies, Alaskan) to make them pass as werewolves using cheap morph tricks or just ‘poof’ transformations, New Moon as perfect example of this cheating. Hounds behave like Natural Wolves but more vicious and without social structure, they will attack anything but are easily controlled by higher breeds and Dark Forces bearers, using them to hunt enemies. Thinking on adding here those ‘full-wolf’ sequences and art.

As you may have seen, once the curse consumes this humans they never change back although they retain certain rationality but only really powerful beings can control them somewhat, the more powerful a Berserker is, the more impervious is to control; they live to kill and transform those who manage to live, no females have been seen in their packs. –see the She-Wolf @R.A.-
Lycans  
*Lycaenopsis Robustus*  
The evolved breed of the berserker that have total control of themselves but without speech, able of change back. Great strength and power.  
They are the werewolves that fight against vampires in Underworld.

Lycans are proud of being werewolves, they live in packs/gangs and have a tight hierarchy with a leader that commands them, able to change at will they retain their minds but are unable to speak and have great power and healing ability; they bear a heavy grudge against vampires but usually refrain from attacking humans, unless they want to have more pack members or is a criminal pack; there are not known females among them as they seem to prefer to recruit only males.

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**Common Breeds**

**Therians  
*Therianthropus Lycan*  
Werewolves that have evolved to a life in villages and small towns were they have a peaceful living apart from humans.  
Commonly seen in Furry sites, cartoons and comics. Have a heavy fan base.

Therians are evolved werewolves that have decided to stay apart from humanity living in secluded places with their own social life, they have lost the ability to become human-like but instead can change into full animal-like wolves, only bigger than the Natural ones, a few may become quite human-like though retaining traits like ears and tails; they avoid any human contact and prefer to escape and preserve their way of life than have direct contact with civilization, rebel ones are known to wander around at times, creating varied types of legends and sightings.

**Werewolves  
*Lycanthropus Sapiens*  
Common werewolves that live normal lives and try to pass unnoticed, small and frail they avoid fights, prone to get bullied.  
Smaller wolves like the character Peter Stubbins from the webcomic Peter is the Wolf.

Usually good guys -so to speak- Delta werewolves are often bullied by bigger breeds or even act as servants for them, their smaller frames make them more agile but they don’t have the strength other breeds have; luckily their healing factor is as good as any. They change with remarkable speed.

**Werewolves  
*Lycanthropus Sapiens*  
Bigger and nastier wolves that often go in packs and like to hunt humans; very lustful too.  
Mostly those werewolves on the Howling movies and Cursed.

These werewolves live too normal lives, perhaps they have a tendency to bad behavior but usually they are as normal as the next human, however when they change under the full Moon the let the beast in them take control and do whatever its nature wants, sex, rape, kill; the terror of the werewolf legend is set upon them for what the do to human population, and they love it.
Werewolves  *Lycanthropus Sapiens*  
**Beta**  *Superior*  
Evolved wolves that have a handsome, even beautiful look and good nature, they’re very strong and sexual.  
Those cute, handsome wolves you see in most webcomics and some anime, check my pals' galleries!

Highly active and social, these werewolves love interaction between them and humans, sometimes having to endure the problem of being a werewolf three nights a month or more –some can change without it- and managing a normal life; they’re graceful but very strong and can overpower a Gamma with their higher cunning, even protect Deltas as they love to have friends. Probably the most numerous of all breeds, about a third of their population are pure bloods and the rest humans that have received ‘the gift’ by another Beta; as any human, they can be as good as heroes or as bad as berserkers.

**High Breeds**

Werewolves  *Lycanthropus Sapiens*  
**Alpha**  *Maior*  
Packs leaders on their own right, these, near to perfect wolves often bear pure blood rights, but at times a common breed can ascend.  
The perfect portrait of a werewolf, take for example Alpha Luna by Lobo Leo.

Alphas tend to be taller, stronger and generally better in all aspects than a Beta since their blood is pure and not contaminated by human traits, a few families can be traced back to the race’s origin but their members are very rare; Alphas also are the pack leaders on Beta families which their nature closer to an Alpha that gives them the right to lead, however, a member of the Common breeds that gains enough traits during its life can become a pureblood by right, to ascend, but those are rare cases and take great risking life efforts.

Shamanic  *Lycanthropus Sapiens*  
**Werewolf**  *Magister*  
A mystic kind of werewolf, higher than an Alpha is present in legends among breeds, believed to be a winged kind of Shamans.  
Not examples to tell for, but lots of winged werewolves on the furry sites.

The Shamanic Werewolves are taken as legends by the other sentient breeds, commonly appear on their legends as representations of good and evil; is believed to have existed in ancient times, probably a breed originated from human Shamans that acquired a status higher than an Alpha by pure mystical rituals. Equal or higher than an Alpha, they had wings on the color of their fur, often feathered but also dragon-like at times, apparently depending on their allegation to good or evil. Being Shamans, they could live in distant deserted areas yet unexplored by man.

Gaia Wolf  *Lycanthropus Maxima*  
Perfection incarnated, gigantic creatures with god-like bodies and abilities; undefeatable, they have merged with Earth itself.  
For an image idea I have no choice but to refer the readers to Psudodrake’s drawings.

The Gaia Wolves are creatures of Myth rather than mystique, taken by many wolf tribes as demigods these werewolves are the ultimate nature of a lycanthrope; merged with Earth’s spirit they are protectors of her and Nature, obviously worshiped by many packs; they’re gigantic in every aspect and can create any Breed they desire from a Natural Wolf or a Human, also can evolve Breeds into higher ranks as legends tell, many cursed with a Lesser nature seek for them in search of a cure, however there are no records of any Gaia Wolf living today and no one that has found them has come back alive. Still, they may live among world’s population using their powers to disguise themselves.
Notes:

1- I have set the rule that only blood will be the only mean to pass on the lycanthropy; bites, scratches and sex are way too common, we would be drown in wolves if it were so easy! This means that in my tale’s universe only by blood infusion the werewolf trait can be passed on, often on full Moon and with a ritual, has to be voluntary too at certain occasions like ascensions.

Do not worry, as transformations often draw blood from gums and cuticles so it is possible to have werewolf contamination by bite or scratch, however, the tiny amount of prions present can be the cause for the Lesser Breeds; of course Pure Blood’s pass it on by birth.

2- As carrier for the wolf traits I chose the prion, as vampires have been set to have some kind of virus I went to a more primitive form of contagion: prions are protein chains that can’t replicate like virus do but still use the body’s proteins to make more prions by contact; the nature of these proteins need to be carried only in blood as they are easily destroyed in other environments, and are very resistant to most protein destroyers, hence the need for silver, a potent disinfectant and antimicrobial metal.

Being replicant proteins prions accumulate on nerves and muscles allowing the body to concentrate ‘energy’ to make the anabolic reaction to transform, also help in the catabolic process needed to change back.

3- Though I have only touch magic in the mythical breeds I have not ruled out, I try to keep the werewolves as down to earth as possible but logically their transformations must have certain kind and amount of magic to be done; I will refrain to use religion as much as I can, only the aspects of good and evil will be used in my tales.

4- A werewolf is very hard to kill, usually it takes a beheading or total destruction of the body by fire; silver does hurt them but needs to be a very good amount of it that the wolf can’t take out or a good strike of a silver object into the heart or the brain that destroys it; the Lesser breeds are naturally weaker and common bullets can take them down long enough to have a silver bullet to do finish the job, however the higher the breed the more resilient to damage they are; Gaias are practically invulnerable.

5- The nature of the werewolf is set by the breed and by the inclination of the person, a good human can become an evil wolf unwillingly if is a Lesser breed but a bad human can use the higher breed status to do evil.

6- Though I didn’t mentioned it, some common and higher breeds are capable of middle transformations becoming strong humans with wolf characteristics or full, bigger wolves; these forms retain all their mental capacity and are powerful so can’t be compared with the Lesser breeds.

7- I didn’t used any other kind of animal, the TF and furry kingdom have them all so the list would be huge; however who wants can use it to create their on list for their favorite animal.

8- All names are on test, I like them but if I find a better one I can change them.

9- This list for reference for future tales, for my pal’s and to entertain the readers; if you have your own werewolf be free to have it as backup but don’t get upset on me, I’m not imposing these classifications on anyone nor mean to steal the other artist’s works, they’re just eye reference too. Feel free to place your wolf on the category you like most, they’re flexible! And is your OC!

10- This list is very likable to be updated!

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