**Wolf Tattoo**

The image of a wolf has been used in folklore for many years throughout different cultures around the world. There are a lot of legends and mysteries surrounding these creatures, and the perception of wolves varies from one country to another. In some cultures they are feared, in others – worshiped and admired.

It is an especially prominent figure in the culture of Native Americans, where it is seen as a symbol of spirituality, strength and wisdom. In the Roman Empire and Ancient Egypt they were considered protectors and incredibly smart and loyal creatures. Wolves also play a significant role in Scandinavian mythology, where we have two opposing representations. On one level they accompany Odin as his guardians and protectors, on another level there is a giant wolf Fenrir who can cause the end of the world. The image of a wolf as a ruthless predator has come to us mostly from Christian tradition, where wolf is feared and associated with the devil. The stories about werewolves, people who turn into terrible wolves on a full moon, have also contributed to their image of horrible beasts.

Despite a lot of controversy surrounding these predators, they are often used in tattoo art, because of good qualities associated with them – wise leadership, incredible loyalty and bravery. Moreover, wolves live in packs and mate for life, so they are often seen as an example of strong family traditions, fellowship and fidelity.

Different wolf tattoos can have different meaning depending on how the wolf is represented. For example, a howling wolf is a symbol of pride, independence and self-sufficiency. It is a great tattoo idea for someone who is fearless and has his own opinions. Tattoo of a white wolf has similar meaning, as it depicts someone who is not afraid to stand out from the crowd. Running or jumping wolf represents power, ability to overcome difficulties and achieve goals. An image of a she-wolf can convey a meaning of loyalty to friends and family, fierce protection against anyone who tries to harm the loved ones. One of the most aggressive images is of werewolves and wolves baring their teeth, which expresses strength or even rage. Also, people who don’t want to commit to a big tattoo of a wolf can choose to have a tattoo of wolf’s eyes or claws, which also look impressive and convey the same meaning.

Nowadays, people have different opinions on wolves, but they are still a very popular tattoo theme.