

VELUWE WOLF IS A SCAVENGER TOO, SHOWS PHD RESEARCH

Footage from one of PhD student Elke Wenting's monitoring locations casts new light on the behaviour of the Veluwe wolf.

Wolves are not really seen as scavengers, but more as the providers of carrion. Yet at the Veluwe locations where PhD student Elke Wenting and ARK Nature Development had positioned cameras, it is crystal clear that ravens, foxes, wild boar *and* a wolf feasted on the carcass of a red deer. The footage also shows

how the wolf, probably the central Veluwe she-wolf GW960f, avoids any risk of confrontation with a male wild boar eating from the carcass by waiting at a distance. The video footage casts new light on the behaviour of the Veluwe wolf and caused quite a stir among the forest rangers in the area. Wenting is doing research on whether carrion and carrion-eaters speed up the nutrient cycle, thus benefitting biodiversity. **Ⓡ ME**



▲ She-wolf GW960f eats from a deer carcass.