

African wild dog life game - instructions

1) **This is the section from which all players start the game.**

5) **You are trapped in a snare set by poachers; 4 steps back.**

INFO: African wild dogs are often killed or injured in wire snares set by poachers. Poachers set the snares to capture other animals but the wild dogs get stuck in the snares as well. To prevent African wild dogs and other animals from being killed in snares, anti poaching units remove the snares and arrest poachers.

10) **You and your pack have had a successful hunt; 2 steps forward.**

INFO: African wild dogs only eat meat, they don't scavenge but catch prey themselves. African wild dogs live together in groups; such a group is called a pack. The members of a pack hunt together, this way they are able to catch prey much larger than themselves.

13) **Resting after the hunt; pass over one turn.**

INFO: African wild dogs are mainly active during the day. They go out hunting in the early morning or late afternoon. During the heat of the day the wild dogs will rest in a cool and shady place.

16) **You have recovered from an injury; 1 step forward.**

INFO: When an African wild dog gets injured the other pack members take care of it. They will bring it food until the injured wild dog has recovered and is able to go out hunting with the pack again. Sometimes a wild dog is so seriously injured people need to help it to recover.

19) **You have been given a special collar; 2 steps forward.**

INFO: Researchers give African wild dogs collars so they can follow them. Not only to do research but also to help the wild dogs when they get into trouble, for example when they get stuck in a snare.

23) **Your puppies have been killed by a lion; 5 steps back.**

INFO: Lions are a natural enemy of African wild dogs. Lions not only steal the food from the wild dogs, they also kill adult wild dogs and their puppies.

26) **You have had a successful hunt again; 4 steps forward.**

INFO: African wild dogs eat impala's, kudu's and duikers. The wild dogs don't fight when they share their food and always let their puppies feed first.

29) **You leave the pack; 3 steps forward.**

INFO: At the age of two to three years African wild dog pups are now adults. They will leave the pack to form their own pack and have puppies themselves.

33) **You have to hide from a farmer; pass over one turn.**

INFO: Farmers sometimes shoot African wild dogs. However, if there is enough wild prey for wild dogs they won't eat livestock. When you see a wild dog you don't have to be afraid, wild dogs are shy and don't attack people.

38) You have been hit by a car; 3 steps back.

INFO: African wild dogs are often killed by cars because drivers drive too fast and expect the wild dogs to jump of the road when they see the car. Unfortunately wild dogs don't jump of the road when they see a car, so they get hit.

42) You enter a special wild dog crossing place; 2 steps forward.

INFO: To prevent African wild dogs from being killed by car some people have put up signs to warn drivers that there are wild dogs on the road and tell them to slow down.

47) You are digging a den; 3 steps back.

INFO: In a pack only the female pack leader, also known as the alpha female, gets puppies. She gives birth in a den; a hole to provide the pups shelter. When the pups are about twelve weeks old they will leave the den and follow the pack.

51) You have to guard the puppies; pass over one turn.

INFO: The alpha female does not raise the puppies on her own, the other pack members help to feed and guard the puppies. When the pack goes hunting one adult dog stays behind to guard the puppies.

56) A spotted hyena steals your food; 3 steps back.

INFO: Spotted hyenas are a natural enemy of African wild dogs, they steal the food from the wild dogs and sometimes fight with wild dogs and kill their puppies.

60) You successfully raise puppies; 4 steps forward.

INFO: Each year, an alpha female can give birth to litters of 2 to 18 pups. African wild dog puppies are born with a black and white coat. After fourteen weeks the puppies have most of the adult coat colours. No two wild dogs are the same, they all have a different coat pattern.

64) The player that reaches the finish first has won the game!