

## **Nicholas Hinton - 2 Years Old**

Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Mauled to death by wolf hybrid and pit bull

### **Detroit Free Press**

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On April 20, Nicholas Hinton, 2, apparently fell inside a pen containing a wolf hybrid and a pit bull. He bled to death from a mauling by the two family pets. In Bellingham, Wash., on May 18, 18-month-old Blake Barber reached through a fence to pet his father's wolf hybrid. The animal bit off his left arm and swallowed it. Wolf hybrids have killed at least six children in the last three years. Of the two known deaths last year, one, in Anchorage, Alaska, occurred when a mother took her 28-day-old infant to a friend's home. When she held the baby out for the friend's wolf hybrid to sniff, the animal bit the baby's head and killed it...

### **News-Sentinel**

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## **Chances with wolves an Adams County breeder of wolf-dog hybrids says the beasts can be complex pets.**

The mauling and death of a Fort Wayne boy last week gave wolf-dog hybrids a gruesome dose of publicity. That notoriety ought to remind people who own large dogs - especially wolf hybrids - to understand and control their animals' aggressive instincts, said an Adams County couple who raise wolf-dog hybrids. Early April 28, 2-year-old Nicholas Hinton apparently climbed a 6-foot fence around an outdoor kennel at his home. He fell inside, where his family's dogs - a wolf-dog mix and a pit bull - mauled and killed him...

### **Post-Tribune**

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## **Ethologist Warns Wolf-Hybrids Make Deadly Pets**

An expert in natural behavior patterns of wolves says he tries to discourage people from owning them or wolf-hybrids as pets. But despite incidents like the mauling death of a 2-year-old boy in Fort Wayne, the animal's popularity continues to grow. Erich Klinghammer is the founder of Wolf Park, a 75-acre research and education wildlife park located north of Lafayette. The park specializes in wolf ethology, the study of the animal's natural behavior patterns. About two dozen wolves live...

### **News-Sentinel**

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## **Dogs Who Mauled Boy Killed Tot Apparently Climbed Fence, Fell Into Kennel**

Liko, a wolf-dog hybrid, and Babe, a pit bull, were destroyed yesterday, the day after they mauled a 2-year-old boy to death. Nicholas Alexander Hinton bled to death after he was attacked

by the family pets early Sunday in the padlocked kennel at his home in the 6100 block of Winter Street. Allen County Coroner Phillip E. O'Shaughnessy said the boy must have climbed the kennel's 6-foot chain link fence and then fallen into the pen, where he was attacked by the dogs. An autopsy showed the boy had multiple bite marks that were "too numerous to count," O'Shaughnessy said. "He died of a loss of blood from several deep puncture wounds."...

### **Post-Tribune**

April 30, 1991

## **Fort Wayne 2-Year-Old Is Fatally Mauled By Family Dogs**

Fort Wayne animal control authorities will hold two dogs that fatally mauled a 2-year-old until the family and authorities decide what to do with the animals, authorities said. Nicholas A. Hinton let himself out of the house early Sunday, apparently climbed a 6-foot, chain-link fence surrounding a kennel and fell inside. He suffered multiple bites. Don Cains, enforcement supervisor for the animal control department, said neither of the dogs, a pit bull-mix and a wolf-Huskie hybrid,...

### **News-Sentinel**

Fort Wayne, IN - April 29, 1991

## **Family's Dogs Maul 2-Year-Old To Death**

A 2-year-old boy died yesterday after being mauled by his family's two dogs. Nicholas Alexander Hinton got up before his parents sometime early yesterday, left his house and apparently climbed a 6-foot chain-link fence into a padlocked kennel, where the two dogs - one a pit bull and the other a wolf-Huskie mix - attacked him, city police said. The dogs have been taken to the Fort Wayne Animal Shelter, where their future is uncertain. Dogs involved in such savage attacks are usually destroyed. Allen County Coroner Phillip O'Shaughnessy said the child died from loss of blood. "He had multiple bite marks, too many to count, actually," O'Shaughnessy said. "There wasn't a part of his body that was untouched"...