

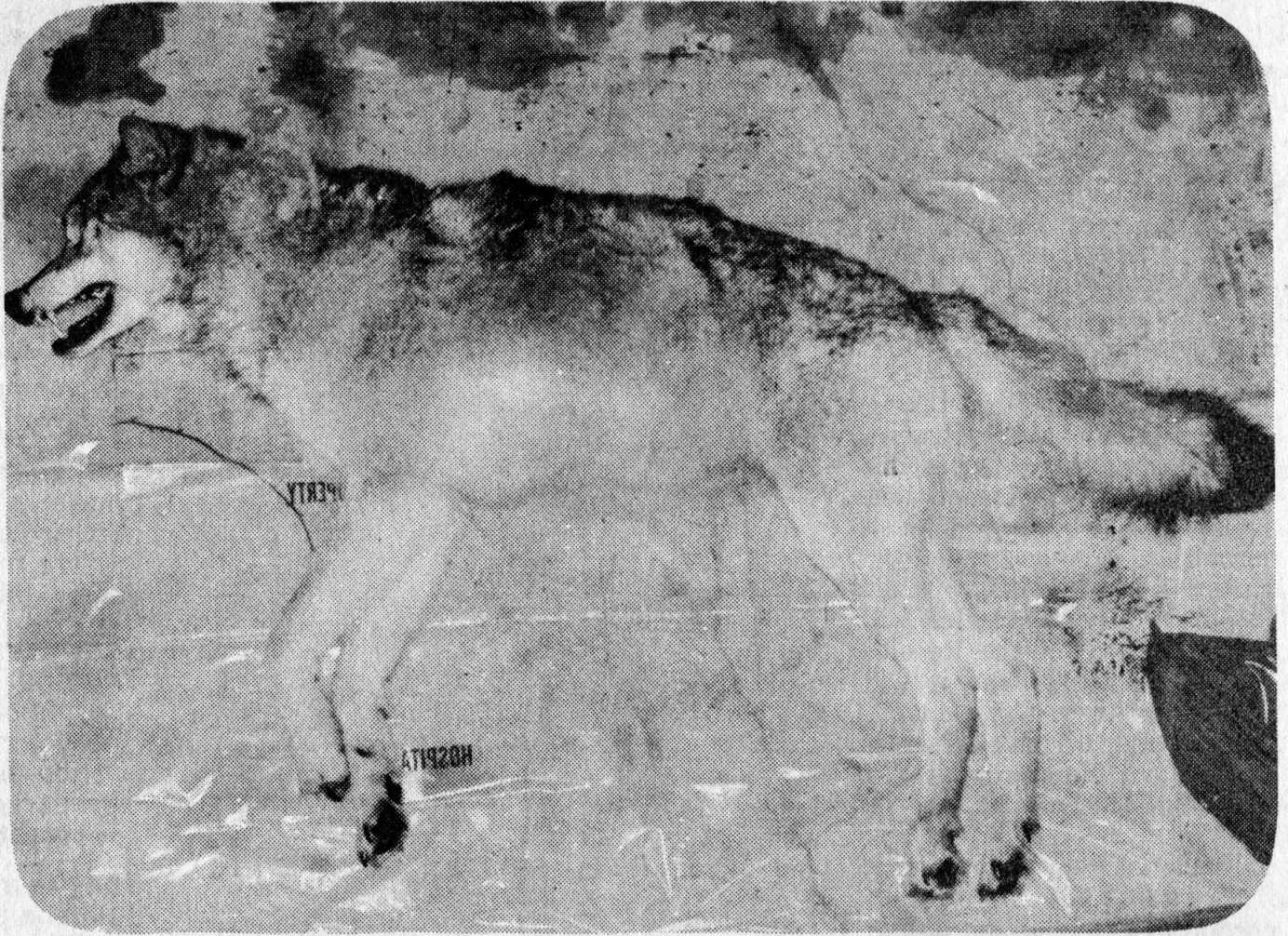
Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

November 20, 1974

During the deer hunting season a native timber wolf, mistaken as a coyote, was shot by a hunter in Menominee County. The specimen was brought to DNR district office in Crystal Falls to be examined by department biologists. This is the first native U.P. wolf verified in a number of years. Wolves are a protected species but the hunter was not charged, convincing Law Enforcement personnel that the shooting was an error.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources District Office in Crystal Falls is one of four locations in the Upper Peninsula where deer hunters can report to receive a "successful deer hunter" shoulder patch. The patches are offered as an incentive to encourage hunters to bring their deer in for a biological shakedown. The program was developed by the DNR game division to afford the opportunity for game biologists to inspect as many deer as possible. The data of interest to the division includes age, sex, antler measurement and other indicators of the condition of the state deer herd. During last year's season almost 10,000 deer were inspected at the check points.



Timber Wolf Shot By Mistake

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