



Legendary beasts

A small image of a space shuttle launching, with a bright yellow and orange flame trail, set against a dark, starry space background.

Werewolf

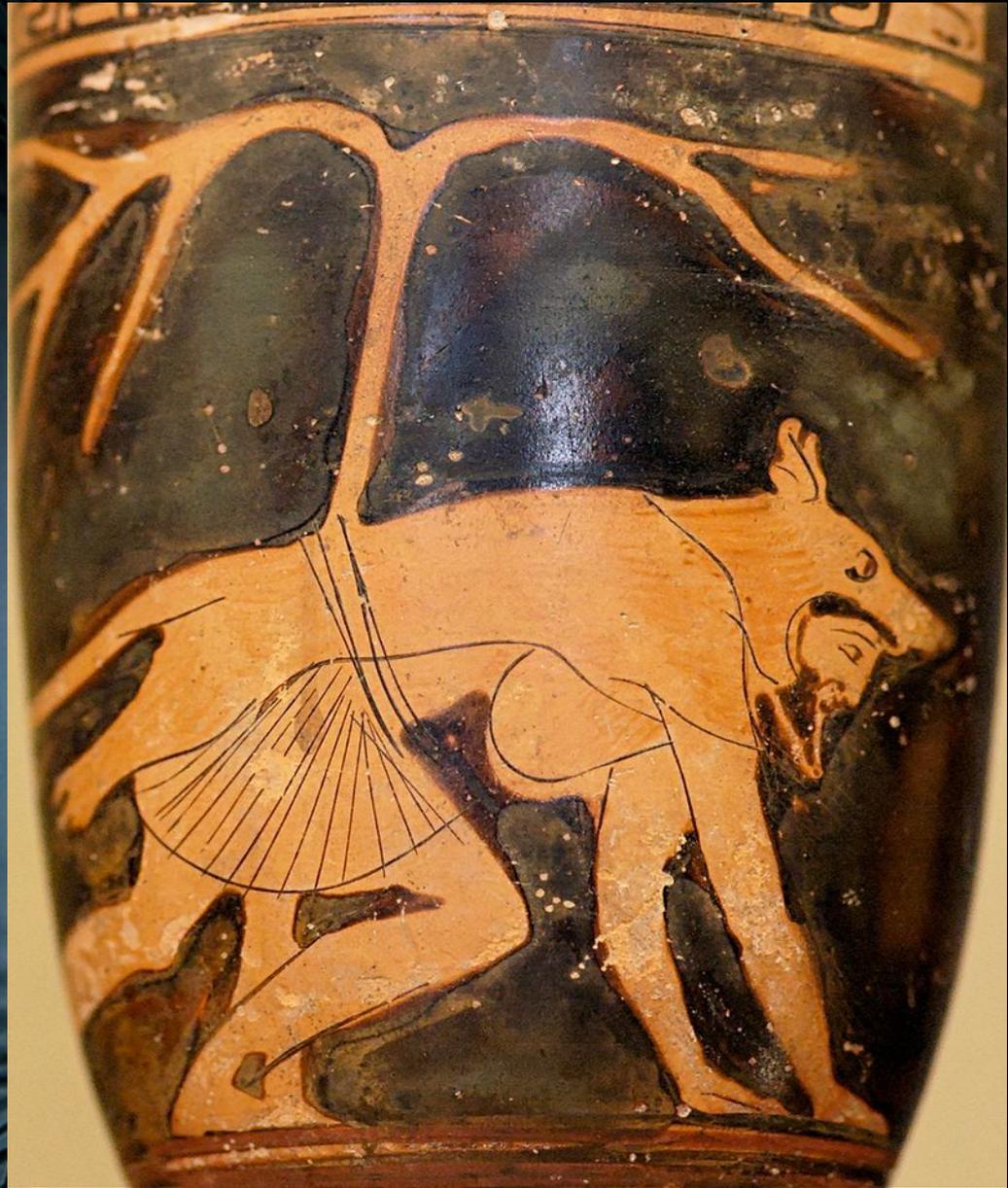
A werewolf, man-wolf, or lycanthrope is a mythological or folkloric human with the ability to shapeshift into a wolf or a therianthrope hybrid wolf-like creature.



A small image of a space shuttle launching, with a trail of white smoke and a bright yellow flame at the bottom, set against a dark blue background with white stars.

History

The werewolf is a widespread concept in European folklore, existing in many variants, which are related by a common development of a Christian interpretation of underlying European folklore developed during the medieval period. From the early modern period, werewolf beliefs also spread to the New World with colonialism.





Characteristics

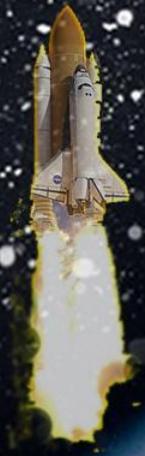
Werewolves were said in European folklore to bear tell-tale physical traits even in their human form. These included the meeting of both eyebrows at the bridge of the nose, curved fingernails, low-set ears and a swinging stride.



Becoming a werewolf

Various methods for becoming a werewolf have been reported, one of the simplest being the removal of clothing and putting on a belt made of wolfskin, probably as a substitute for the assumption of an entire animal skin (which also is frequently described). In other cases, the body is rubbed with a magic salve.





Thank you for your attention

