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Animal Fact Sheet

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African Wild Dog

Lycaon pictus

The African wild dog is not a dog, a wolf or a jackal. It is the only living member of its genus, cannot interbreed with any of them, and carries four toes on its front feet rather than five — the ma…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Canidae
Habitat: Savanna, grassland, and open woodland
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 10-12 years in the wild
Weight: 18-36 kg (40-79 lbs)
Scientific name: Lycaon pictus

Did you know?

- An African Wild Dog pack can coordinate to chase prey over distances of several kilometers, with success rates exceeding 80%—one of the highest among…
- African wild dogs "vote" on whether to hunt by sneezing — the more sneezes, the more likely they go. Their hunts succeed far more often than a lion's…

What I learned

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