

Animal Fact Sheet

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Alaskan Malamute

Canis lupus familiaris

The Alaskan Malamute is a large, powerful breed of domestic dog originally bred for its strength and endurance to haul heavy freight as a sled dog in the Arctic. With a thick double coat, erect ears,...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Canidae

Habitat: Arctic and subarctic regions, domestic environments

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-14 years

Weight: 34–43 kg (75–95 lbs)

Scientific name: *Canis lupus familiaris*

Did you know?

- The Alaskan Malamute is one of the oldest Arctic sled dog breeds, developed by the native Mahlemut people of Alaska thousands of years ago.
- Alaskan Malamutes have been used in polar expeditions and even served in World War II as search and rescue dogs. Their signature howling vocalization...

What I learned
