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Animal Fact Sheet

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Australian Shepherd

Canis lupus familiaris

The Australian Shepherd is a highly intelligent and energetic breed of domestic dog known for its exceptional herding abilities. Despite its name, the breed was developed in the United States in the …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Canidae
Habitat: Grassland, ranches, and farms
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-15 years
Weight: 18-29 kg (40-65 lbs)
Scientific name: Canis lupus familiaris

Did you know?

- Despite its name, the Australian Shepherd was actually developed in the United States, not Australia.
- Australian Shepherds are known for their 'herding eye,' an intense gaze used to control livestock. Many Aussies have heterochromia, resulting in two …

What I learned

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