

# 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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