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Animal Fact Sheet

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Basenji

Canis lupus familiaris

The Basenji is a small to medium-sized dog breed known for its elegant, athletic build and unique behaviors. Originating from Central Africa, it was traditionally used for hunting due to its keen sig…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Canidae
Habitat: Savanna and forest regions near human settlements
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-16 years
Weight: 9–12 kg (20–26 lbs)
Scientific name: Canis lupus familiaris

Did you know?

- Unlike most dog breeds, female Basenjis come into heat only once a year, similar to wild canids.
- Basenjis are often called the "barkless dog" due to their unique vocalizations. They are exceptionally clean and groom themselves similarly to cats. …

What I learned

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