

Animal Fact Sheet

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Chinese Crested

Canis lupus familiaris

The Chinese Crested is a small, affectionate toy dog breed known for its unique appearance featuring hairless and powderpuff (coated) varieties. The hairless variety has smooth, exposed skin with tufts of hair on its head and tail.

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Canidae

Habitat: Domestic environments

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 13-18 years

Weight: 5-12 lbs (2.3-5.4 kg)

Scientific name: *Canis lupus familiaris*

Did you know?

- The 'hairless' gene is actually lethal in its homozygous form, so all hairless Chinese Cresteds carry one copy of the gene and one for the powderpuff variety.
- Chinese Crested dogs come in two distinct varieties—hairless and powderpuff—that can appear in the same litter. The breed is known for its exceptional intelligence and loyalty.

What I learned
