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Chinese Shar Pei

Canis lupus familiaris

The Chinese Shar Pei is a medium-sized dog breed renowned for its deeply wrinkled skin and distinctive 'hippopotamus' muzzle. Originally developed in southern China, this ancient breed was historical…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Canidae
Habitat: Domestic environments; originally rural and village settings in southern China
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-12 years
Weight: 16–29 kg (35–64 lbs)
Scientific name: Canis lupus familiaris

Did you know?

- The Shar Pei's deep wrinkles were bred to help defend them against predators and other dogs, as the loose skin made it difficult to grab and allowed …
- Shar Peis have a unique blue-black tongue, a trait shared with only a few other dog breeds like the Chow Chow. Their name means 'sand skin' in Chines…

What I learned

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