

Animal Fact Sheet

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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 Chinese...

What I learned
