

Animal Fact Sheet

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Estrela Mountain Dog

Canis lupus familiaris

The Estrela Mountain Dog is a large, powerful livestock guardian breed native to the Estrela Mountains of Portugal. Bred for centuries to protect flocks from predators such as wolves and thieves, thi...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Canidae

Habitat: Mountain

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-14 years

Weight: 35-60 kg

Scientific name: *Canis lupus familiaris*

Did you know?

- Estrela Mountain Dogs have webbed feet, which help them traverse rugged, mountainous terrain with ease.
- The Estrela Mountain Dog is one of the oldest breeds in Portugal and is still used by shepherds to guard livestock. Its unique hook-shaped tail and l...

What I learned
