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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

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