

Animal Fact Sheet

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Lhasa Apso

Canis lupus familiaris

The Lhasa Apso is a small, long-haired dog breed originating from the Himalayan mountains of Tibet. Traditionally bred as a sentinel in Buddhist monasteries, they are known for their keen hearing and...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Canidae

Habitat: Domestic; historically, mountainous regions and monasteries

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 12-15 years

Weight: 5-8 kg

Scientific name: *Canis lupus familiaris*

Did you know?

- Lhasa Apsos were believed to be reincarnations of Tibetan monks who were not yet ready to enter Nirvana.
- Lhasa Apsos were once considered sacred and were rarely given as gifts outside of Tibet. Their name comes from 'Lhasa,' Tibet's capital, and 'Apso,' ...

What I learned

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