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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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