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Animal Fact Sheet

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Maltese Dog

Canis lupus familiaris

The Maltese is a small breed of dog known for its long, silky white coat and lively personality. Originally bred as a companion animal, the Maltese has a history dating back thousands of years and wa…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Canidae
Habitat: Domestic (households, urban and suburban areas)
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Domesticated
Lifespan: 12-15 years
Weight: 3-4 kg (6.5-9 lbs)
Scientific name: Canis lupus familiaris

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, Maltese dogs are excellent watchdogs and will alert their owners to any unusual activity.
- The Maltese breed is thought to have originated from the island of Malta, giving it its name. Maltese dogs were once believed to possess healing powe…

What I learned

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