

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Rhodesian Ridgeback

*Canis lupus familiaris*

The Rhodesian Ridgeback is a large, athletic breed of domestic dog originally bred in southern Africa for hunting and guarding purposes. Recognizable by the distinctive ridge of hair along its back t...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Canidae

**Habitat:** Savanna and grassland regions near human settlements

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 10-12 years

**Weight:** 29-41 kg (64-90 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Canis lupus familiaris*

### Did you know?

- Despite their hunting heritage, Rhodesian Ridgebacks are known for being quiet dogs that rarely bark without reason.
- The Rhodesian Ridgeback was initially bred to hunt lions and large game in Africa. The breed is well-known for its remarkable endurance and ability t...

### What I learned

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