

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Shetland Sheepdog

*Canis lupus familiaris*

The Shetland Sheepdog, often affectionately called the 'Sheltie', is a small to medium-sized herding breed originating from the Shetland Islands of Scotland. Renowned for its intelligence, agility, a...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Canidae

**Habitat:** Domesticated; originally adapted to rural and coastal environments

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 12-14 years

**Weight:** 6-12 kg

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

### Did you know?

- The Sheltie's long, luxurious coat is weather-resistant and was developed to protect them from the harsh winds and rain of the Shetland Islands.
- Shetland Sheepdogs are famous for their vocal nature and often use barking as a way to herd. They are considered one of the most intelligent dog breeds...

### What I learned

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