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Shih Tzu

Canis lupus familiaris

The Shih Tzu is a small, sturdy toy dog breed known for its luxurious, flowing double coat and distinctive pushed-in face. Originally bred as a companion for Chinese royalty, this breed is celebrated…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Canidae
Habitat: Domesticated; primarily indoor companion animal
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-16 years
Weight: 4-7.2 kg (9-16 lbs)
Scientific name: Canis lupus familiaris

Did you know?

- Shih Tzus have a unique underbite, called a 'reverse scissor bite,' which is a breed hallmark.
- Shih Tzus were once bred as lap dogs for Chinese emperors and pampered within palace walls. Their name means 'lion dog' in Mandarin, reflecting their…

What I learned

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