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Shikoku Dog

Canis lupus familiaris

The Shikoku is a rare Japanese breed of dog originally bred for hunting boar in the mountainous regions of Shikoku Island. It is a medium-sized, agile, and energetic dog with a wolf-like appearance, …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Canidae
Habitat: Mountain forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 10-12 years
Weight: 16-25 kg
Scientific name: Canis lupus familiaris

Did you know?

- Despite their ancient lineage and natural athleticism, Shikokus are extremely rare even in Japan, with only a few thousand individuals registered wor…
- The Shikoku is one of Japan's six native spitz-type breeds and is sometimes called the Kochi-ken. Their agile movement and endurance make them excell…

What I learned

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