

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Turkish Van

*Felis catus*

The Turkish Van is a natural domestic cat breed known for its distinctive semi-longhaired coat and striking coloration, often featuring a white body with colored markings on the head and tail. Origin...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Felidae

**Habitat:** Domestic, originally from the Lake Van region (mountainous and lakeside environments)

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 12-17 years

**Weight:** 3.5-9 kg

**Scientific name:** Felis catus

### Did you know?

- Unlike most cats, Turkish Vans are known to voluntarily enter water and swim for pleasure.
- Turkish Vans are famously fond of swimming and playing in water. Their coat is water-resistant, which is unusual for domestic cats. The breed's uniqu...

### What I learned

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