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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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