

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Whippet

*Canis lupus familiaris*

The Whippet is a slender, medium-sized breed of domestic dog known for its remarkable speed and graceful build. Originally bred in England for racing and hunting small game, Whippets are admired for ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Canidae

**Habitat:** Domestic environments, urban and suburban homes

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 12-15 years

**Weight:** 11-18 kg (24-40 lbs)

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

### Did you know?

- Unlike most dogs, Whippets have very little body fat and are sensitive to cold, often requiring coats or sweaters in chilly weather.
- Whippets are often called the 'poor man's racehorse' due to their history as racing dogs among working-class people in England. Despite their speed, ...

### What I learned

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