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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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