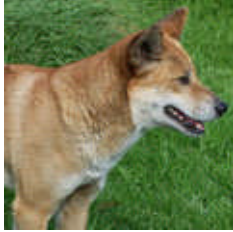


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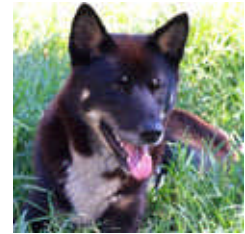
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Fact Sheet



Dingo

(Canis lupus dingo)



DESCRIPTION:

The dingo is usually ginger in colour but white or black and tan can occur. They always have white markings on their feet, the tip of their bushy tail and chest.

HABITAT:

The dingo can be found throughout Australia except Tasmania. They live in deserts, alpine forests, coastal areas and rainforests.

ORIGIN:

Dingoes arrived in Australia about 3500 to 11,000 years ago from Asia. They are descended from the Asian wolf.

DIET:

The dingo is an opportunistic feeder. Their prey consists of mammals, birds, reptiles and insects. They can form packs to hunt down larger prey.

BREEDING:

The dingo breeds only once a year and mating occurs between February and July. After a gestation of 63 days the female gives birth to 4-6 pups, although up to 10 pups can occur. They are weaned at 4 months of age.

LIFESPAN:

The dingo lives around 10 years in the wild but in captivity can reach an age of 15 years.

INTERESTING FACT:

Dingoes cannot bark, they can only howl.