

FULL ACCOUNT FOR: Canis lupus



System: Terrestrial

| Kingdom | Phylum | Class | Order | Family |
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| Animalia | Chordata | Mammalia | Carnivora | Canidae |

Common name Haushund (German), feral dog (English), domestic dog (English),

kuri (Maori, New Zealand), guri (Maori), kurio (Tuamotuan), uli

(Samoan), peto (Marquesan), pero (Maori)

Synonym Canis dingo , Blumenbach, 1780

Canis familiaris, Linnaeus, 1758

Similar species

Summary Canis lupus (the dog) is possibly the first animal to have been

domesticated by humans. It has been selectively bred into a wide range of different forms. They are found throughout the world in many different habitats, both closely associated with humans and away from habitation. They are active hunters and have significant

negative impacts on a wide range of native fauna.



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Species Description

Domestic dogs are believed to have first diverged from wolves around 100,000 years ago. Around 15,000 years ago dogs started diverging into the multitude of different breeds known today. This divergence was possibly triggered by humans changing from a nomadic, hunting based-lifestyle to a more settled, agriculture-based way of life (Vilà et al. 1997). Domestic dogs have been selectively bred for various behaviours, sensory capabilities and physical attributes, including dogs bred for herding livestock (collies, shepherds, etc.), different kinds of hunting (pointers, hounds, etc.), catching rats (small terriers), guarding (mastiffs, chows), helping fishermen with nets (Newfoundlands, poodles), pulling loads (huskies, St. Bernards), guarding carriages and horsemen (Dalmatians), and as companion dogs. Domestic dogs are therefore extremely variable but the basic morphology is that of the grey wolf, the wild ancestor of all domestic dog breeds.



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Notes

Dogs were possibly the first animal to be domesticated by humans around 15,000 years ago. There are estimated to be 400,000,000 dogs present in the world.

Dogs taken to the Pacific islands by the early Polynesians may have been about the size of a small collie, but shorter in the leg (Anderson 1990). They have long since been replaced by, or crossed with, various breeds from Europe.

Reviewed by Mech (1974, Mammalian Species, 37) *Canis familiaris* has page priority over *Canis lupus* in Linnaeus (1758), but both were published simultaneously, and *C. lupus* has been universally used for this species [excerpted from Mammal Species of the World, 3d Edition, p. 281] (ITIS, 2004).

Uses

Domesticated dogs have been bred to assist humans in a wide range of activites including farming, hunting and companionship.

Habitat Description

Dogs are usually closely associated with humans so can potentially be found in all habitats. Feral and ranging domestic dogs may be found far from human habitation.

Reproduction

Placental, sexual. 4-12 puppies per litter. Both males and females become sexually mature at around 6-12 months.

Nutrition

Mainly carnivorous but may eat plant material and invertebrates



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General Impacts

In Israel, free-ranging feral dogs are a major threat to populations of endangered mountain gazelles (see *Gazella gazella* ssp. *gazella* in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species) (Manor and Salz, 2004). Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) is thought to have caused several fatal epidemics within the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem in East Africa. The source of the CDV was probably domestic dogs in the local villages surrounding the park. The canids affected included silver-backed jackals (*Canis mmesomelas*) and bat-eared foxes (*Otocyon megalotis*) in 1978 and endangered African wild dogs (see *Lycaon pictus* in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species) in 1991. The Serengeti lion population (see *Panthera leo* in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species) which remained unaffected during these two epidemics was hit by an epidemic in early 1994, caused by a morbillivirus which is closely related to CDV. Later that year the epidemic had spread north to lions, hyenas, bat-eared foxes and leopards in the Maasi Mara National reserve. This epidemic claimed at least 30% of the lion population (estimated at 3000 in Serengeti at that time). It is suggested that the possible route of transmission from domestic dogs was the spotted hyena that range through human habitation and travel long distances within the park (Roelke-Parker *et al.* 1996).

Uncontrolled domestic dogs can be equally as damaging as truly feral animals. In New Zealand, during study of kiwi (see *Apteryx australis*; *Apteryx haastii*; *Apteryx mantelli*; and *Apteryx owenii* in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species) in a Northland forest, the loss of 13 out of 23 kiwi fitted with transmitters was found to be the result of predation by one German shepherd dog. It was estimated that this single dog alone had killed 500 out of 900 birds, although this estimate was considered to be possibly conservative (Taborsky 1988). Seabirds and mammals are included among the prey taken by feral dogs (e.g. Dickman, 1996, Stevenson and Woelher, 2007).

Management Info

The principal techniques to control wild dogs are exclusion fencing, shooting, trapping and poisoning. Poisoning using 1080 is the most cost-effective means of reducing populations of wild dogs over large areas of remote or inaccessible country. New techniques such as the use of livestock guarding dogs, poison ejecting devices and toxic collars have been suggested as alternatives to current methods.

The Australian Bureau of Rural Sciences (BRS) in cooperation with the Vertebrate Pests Committee of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Resource Management (SCARM) has published guidelines for managing the impacts\r\nof dingoes (*Canis lupus dingo*) and other wild dogs (*C.I. familiaris*) as part of the Managing Vertebrate Pests series. Please follow this link to view and download Fleming, P., Corbett, L., Harden, R. and Thomson, P. (2001) Managing the Impacts of Dingoes and Other Wild Dogs. Bureau of Rural Sciences, Canberra.

Pathway

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[1] ANGUILLA

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[1] DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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[1] GUAM

[1] JAMAICA

[1] MADAGASCAR

[1] MASAI MARA RESERVE

[3] MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF

[1] NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

[2] NEW ZEALAND

[3] NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

[2] SAINT HELENA

[1] SERENGETI-MARA ECOSYSTEM

[1] TOKELAU

[3] TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

[1] UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING

ISLANDS

[1] ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

[1] BAHAMAS

[2] COOK ISLANDS

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[1] FRENCH GUIANA

[1] GERMANY

[1] HAITI

[9] KIRIBATI

[1] MARSHALL ISLANDS

[1] MEXICO

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[1] PAPUA NEW GUINEA

[1] SAINT LUCIA

[1] SOLOMON ISLANDS

[2] TONGA

[8] UNITED STATES

[2] VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH

Red List assessed species 191: EX = 8; CR = 28; EN = 52; VU = 53; NT = 31; DD = 4; LC = 15:

Aepypodius bruijnii ENAlauda razae CRAmblysomus corriaeNTAnas chlorotis ENAnas wyvilliana ENAnolis longiceps VUAplonis santovestrisVUApteryx australis VUApteryx haastii VUApteryx mantelli EN

Aramidopsis plateni VU Arctocephalus galapagoensis EN

Ardeotis nigriceps CR Arvicola sapidus VU Atelocynus microtis NT Atelopus guanujo CR Brachypteracias squamiger **VU** Burhinus grallarius NT Camarhynchus pauper CR Canis simensis EN Capreolus capreolus LC Casuarius bennetti NT Celestus anelpistus CR Celestus warreni CR Charadrius melodus NT Charadrius obscurus EN Charadrius sanctaehelenae CR Chlamyphorus truncatus **DD**

Chrysocyon brachyurusNTConilurus penicillatusNTCoturnix novaezelandiaeEXCryptoprocta feroxVUCtenosaura bakeriCRCtenosaura palearisENCuon alpinusENCyclura carinataCR



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Cyclura collei CR
Cyclura lewisi CR
Cyclura ricordii CR
Dasyurus hallucatus EN
Dasyurus spartacus NT
Dipodomys margaritae CR
Ducula pickeringii VU
Eudyptes pachyrhynchus VU

Eurynorhynchus pygmeus CR
Fossa fossana NT
Galidia elegans LC
Galidictis grandidieri EN
Gallicolumba sanctaecrucis EN

Gallinula silvestris CR
Gallirallus dieffenbachii EX
Gallirallus okinawae EN
Gallirallus sylvestris EN
Gazella cuvieri EN
Grus antigone VU

Gymnocrex rosenbergii VU
Habroptila wallacii VU
Hippocamelus antisensis VU
Hypogeomys antimena EN
Iguana delicatissima EN
Laterallus spilonotus VU
Lepidochelys olivacea VU

Lycaon pictus **EN**

Macrotarsomys ingens EN
Mallomys istapantap LC
Mazama nana DD

Megapodius bernsteinii VU
Megapodius laperouse EN
Megapodius pritchardii EN
Mesitornis unicolor VU

Microperoryctes longicauda LC

Monias benschi VU
Mysateles prehensilis NT
Neotoma bryanti EN
Numenius tahitiensis VU
Papagomys armandvillei NT
Pentalagus furnessi EN
Petrogale persephone EN
Phalacrocorax harrisi VU
Phascolarctos cinereus LC

Philoria frosti CR
Pitta anerythra VU
Plagiodontia aedium EN

Cyclura cornuta VU
Cyclura pinguis CR
Dasypus hybridus NT
Dasyurus maculatus NT
Diplothrix legata EN
Dorcopsulus vanheurni NT

Eliurus myoxinus LC
Eupleres goudotii NT
Felis margarita NT
Fulica alai VU
Galidictis fasciata NT

Gallicolumba salamonis EX
Gallinula pacifica CR
Gallirallus calayanensis VU
Gallirallus lafresnayanus CR
Gallirallus rovianae NT
Gallotia simonyi CR
Geocapromys brownii VU
Grus paradisea VU
Gymnomyza aubryana CR

Henicophaps foersteri VU
Hippocamelus bisulcus EN
Hypsiprymnodon moschatus LC
Larus fuliginosus VU

Leipoa ocellata VU
Litoria caerulea LC
Macaca sylvanus EN
Mallomys gunung EN
Mazama gouazoubira LC
Megacrex inepta NT

Megapodius geelvinkianus VU Megapodius nicobariensis VU

Mergus australis EX
Microgoura meeki EX
Moho bishopi EX

Mungotictis decemlineata VU
Neodon sikimensis LC
Nesoclopeus woodfordi NT
Ozotoceros bezoarticus NT
Pelecanoides garnotii EN
Petrogale penicillata NT
Phalacrocorax featherstoni EN
Phalacrocorax onslowi CR
Phascolosorex doriae LC

Phoebastria immutabilis NT
Pitta superba VU
Pluvianellus socialis NT



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Porphyrio kukwiedei EX
Potorous longipes EN
Procellaria parkinsoni VU
Pseudalopex fulvipes CR
Pseudomys fumeus EN
Pterodroma axillaris EN
Pterodroma brevipes VU
Pterodroma hasitata EN
Pterodroma phaeopygia CR
Pteropus pselaphon CR

Pudu puda VU
Puffinus heinrothi VU
Puffinus opisthomelas NT
Rallina leucospila NT
Rattus richardsoni VU

Rhionaeschna galapagoensis EN

Rhynochetos jubatus EN
Scolopax mira VU
Solenodon cubanus EN
Spheniscus mendiculus EN
Sterna albostriata EN
Suta flagellum LC

Sylvilagus varynaensis **DD**

Tamias palmeri EN
Tarsius lariang DD
Tarsius tarsier VU
Thinornis rubricollis NT
Tokudaia osimensis EN
Tupaia nicobarica EN
Vermivora crissalis NT
Zalophus wollebaeki EN

Porzana sandwichensis EX
Potorous tridactylus LC
Procyon pygmaeus CR
Pseudobulweria rostrata NT
Psittirostra psittacea CR
Pterodroma baraui EN
Pterodroma externa VU
Pterodroma longirostris VU
Pterodroma sandwichensis VU
Pudu mephistophiles VU
Puffinus creatopus VU

Puffinus creatopus VU
Puffinus newelli EN
Rallina canningi NT
Rallus semiplumbeus EN
Reithrodontomys spectabilis CR

Rhynchomeles prattorum EN
Sarcophilus harrisii EN
Sminthopsis butleri VU
Solenodon paradoxus EN
Spilogale pygmaea VU
Sterna nereis VU

Sylvilagus bachmani LC
Syrmaticus soemmerringii NT

Tarsius dentatus VU
Tarsius pelengensis EN
Terrapene carolina VU
Thomomys mazama LC
Tokudaia tokunoshimensis EN
Uratelornis chimaera VU
Vestiaria coccinea VU

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