

Canis lupus  [正體中文](#)

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
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.

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 They have long since been replaced by, or crossed with, various breeds from Europe.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 activities 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

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 of dingoes (*Canis lupus dingo*) and other wild dogs (*C.l. 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	[1] ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
[1] AUSTRALIA	[1] BAHAMAS
[3] CAYMAN ISLANDS	[2] COOK ISLANDS
[1] DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	[2] ECUADOR
[5] FIJI	[1] FRENCH GUIANA
[11] FRENCH POLYNESIA	[1] GERMANY
[1] GUAM	[1] HAITI
[1] JAMAICA	[9] KIRIBATI
[1] MADAGASCAR	[1] MARSHALL ISLANDS
[1] MASAI MARA RESERVE	[1] MEXICO
[3] MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF	[1] NAURU
[4] NEW CALEDONIA	[2] NEW ZEALAND
[1] NIUE	[3] NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
[1] PAPUA NEW GUINEA	[2] SAINT HELENA
[1] SAINT LUCIA	[1] SAINT MARTIN (FRENCH PART)
[1] SERENGETI-MARA ECOSYSTEM	[1] SOLOMON ISLANDS
[1] TOKELAU	[2] TONGA
[3] TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	[8] UNITED STATES
[1] UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS	[2] VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH

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

Aepyodius bruijnii EN	Alauda razae CR
Amblysomus corriae NT	Anas chlorotis EN
Anas wyvilliana EN	Anolis longiceps VU
Aplonis santovestris VU	Apteryx australis VU
Apteryx haastii VU	Apteryx 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 brachyurus NT	Conilurus penicillatus NT
Coturnix novaehelandiae EX	Cryptoprocta ferox VU
Ctenosaura bakeri CR	Ctenosaura palearis EN
Cuon alpinus EN	Cyclura carinata CR
Cyclura collei CR	Cyclura cornuta VU
Cyclura lewisi CR	Cyclura pinguis CR
Cyclura ricordii CR	Dasypus hybridus NT
Dasyurus hallucatus EN	Dasyurus maculatus NT
Dasyurus spartacus NT	Diplothrix legata EN
Dipodomys margaritae CR	Dorcopsulus vanheurni NT
Ducula pickeringii VU	Eliurus myoxinus LC
Eudyptes pachyrhynchus VU	Eupleres goudotii NT

Eurynorhynchus pygmeus CR	Felis margarita NT
Fossa fossana NT	Fulica alai VU
Galidia elegans LC	Galidictis fasciata NT
Galidictis grandidieri EN	Gallicolumba salamonis EX
Gallicolumba sanctaerucis EN	Gallinula pacifica CR
Gallinula silvestris CR	Gallirallus calayanensis VU
Gallirallus dieffenbachii EX	Gallirallus lafresnayanus CR
Gallirallus okinawae EN	Gallirallus roviae NT
Gallirallus sylvestris EN	Gallotia simonyi CR
Gazella cuvieri EN	Geocapromys brownii VU
Grus antigone VU	Grus paradisea VU
Gymnocrex rosenbergii VU	Gymnomyza aubryana CR
Habroptila wallacii VU	Henicophaps foersteri VU
Hippocamelus antisensis VU	Hippocamelus bisulcus EN
Hypogeomys antimena EN	Hypsiprymnodon moschatus LC
Iguana delicatissima EN	Larus fuliginosus VU
Laterallus spilonotus VU	Leipoa ocellata VU
Lepidochelys olivacea VU	Litoria caerulea LC
Lycaon pictus EN	Macaca sylvanus EN
Macrotarsomys ingens EN	Mallomys gunung EN
Mallomys istapantap LC	Mazama gouazoubira LC
Mazama nana DD	Megacrex inepta NT
Megapodius bernsteinii VU	Megapodius geelvinkianus VU
Megapodius laperouse EN	Megapodius nicobariensis VU
Megapodius pritchardii EN	Mergus australis EX
Mesitornis unicolor VU	Microgoura meeki EX
Microperoryctes longicauda LC	Moho bishopi EX
Monias benschi VU	Mungotictis decemlineata VU
Mysateles prehensilis NT	Neodon sikimensis LC
Neotoma bryanti EN	Nesoclopeus woodfordi NT
Numenius tahitiensis VU	Ozotoceros bezoarticus NT
Papagomys armandvillei NT	Pelecanoides garnotii EN
Pentalagus furnessi EN	Petrogale penicillata NT
Petrogale persephone EN	Phalacrocorax featherstoni EN
Phalacrocorax harrisi VU	Phalacrocorax onslowi CR
Phascolarctos cinereus LC	Phascolosorex doriae LC
Phylloscopus collybita CR	Phoebastria immutabilis NT
Pitta anerythra VU	Pitta superba VU
Plagiodontia aedium EN	Pluvianellus socialis NT
Porphyrio kukwiedei EX	Porzana sandwichensis EX
Potorous longipes EN	Potorous tridactylus LC
Procellaria parkinsoni VU	Procyon pygmaeus CR
Pseudalopex fulvipes CR	Pseudobulweria rostrata NT
Pseudomys fumeus EN	Psittirostra psittacea CR
Pterodroma axillaris EN	Pterodroma barau EN
Pterodroma brevipes VU	Pterodroma externa VU
Pterodroma hasitata EN	Pterodroma longirostris VU
Pterodroma phaeopygia CR	Pterodroma sandwichensis VU
Pteropus pselaphon CR	Pudu mephistophiles VU
Pudu puda VU	Puffinus creatopus VU
Puffinus heinrothi VU	Puffinus newelli EN
Puffinus opisthomelas NT	Rallina canningi NT
Rallina leucospila NT	Rallus semiplumbeus EN
Rattus richardsoni VU	Reithrodontomys spectabilis CR

Rhionaeschna galapagoensis EN	Rhynchomeles prattorum EN
Rhynochetos jubatus EN	Sarcophilus harrisii EN
Scolopax mira VU	Sminthopsis butleri VU
Solenodon cubanus EN	Solenodon paradoxus EN
Spheniscus mendiculus EN	Spilogale pygmaea VU
Sterna albobriata EN	Sterna nereis VU
Suta flagellum LC	Sylvilagus bachmani LC
Sylvilagus varynaensis DD	Syrmaticus soemmerringii NT
Tamias palmeri EN	Tarsius dentatus VU
Tarsius lariang DD	Tarsius pelengensis EN
Tarsius tarsier VU	Terrapene carolina VU
Thinornis rubricollis NT	Thomomys mazama LC
Tokudaia osimensis EN	Tokudaia tokunoshimensis EN
Tupaia nicobarica EN	Uratelornis chimaera VU
Vermivora crissalis NT	Vestiarina coccinea VU
Zalophus wolfebaeki EN	

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Summary: English:

The species list sheet for the Mexican information system on invasive species currently provides information related to Scientific names, family, group and common names, as well as habitat, status of invasion in Mexico, pathways of introduction and links to other specialised websites. Some of the higher risk species already have a direct link to the alert page. It is important to notice that these lists are constantly being updated, please refer to the main page (<http://www.conabio.gob.mx/invasoras/index.php/Portada>), under the section Novedades for information on updates.

Invasive species - mammals is available from: http://www.conabio.gob.mx/invasoras/index.php/Especies_invasoras_-_Mam%C3%ADferos [Accessed 30 July 2008]

Spanish:

La lista de especies del Sistema de información sobre especies invasoras de México cuenta actualmente con información acerca de nombre científico, familia, grupo y nombre común, así como el hábitat, estado de la invasión en México, rutas de introducción y ligas a otros sitios especializados. Algunas de las especies de mayor riesgo ya tienen una liga directa a la página de alertas. Es importante resaltar que estas listas se encuentran en constante proceso de actualización, por favor consulte la portada (<http://www.conabio.gob.mx/invasoras/index.php/Portada>), en la sección novedades, para conocer los cambios.

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