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## Breeds of Dogs and Cats

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## Objectives

- Discuss the evolution of man's relationship with dogs and cats
- Describe the characteristics shared by members of the Canidae family
- Describe the classification system for dogs
- List the uses for different breeds of dogs
- Identify and describe the different breeds of dogs
- Describe the characteristics shared by members of the family Felidae
- Describe the classification system for cats
- Identify and describe the different cat breeds


## History of Dogs

- In family Canidae
- Direct descendents of the wolf
- Wolf's scientific name - Canis lupus
- Dog's scientific name - Canis familiaris
- Domestication a few 1,000 years
- Greece
- Herding dogs
- Guarding dogs
- Hunting dogs
- Egypt
- Dogs used in war

- Bred based on purpose
- Climate
- Environment
- Master's preference - herding, guarding, hunting
- 72 million dogs live in U.S.
- One dog per household in half American family homes
- More than 228 pure breeds
- More than 100 mixed breeds
- Stimulate income of dog industries
- $\$ 11$ billion annual sales of dog food
- Accessory manufacturers
- Veterinarians
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Breeders
- Racers
- Trainers
- Herders
- Hunters


## Serve humans

- Protection
- Sight
- Hearing
- Security
- Companionship


## Characteristics of Dogs

- Size
- Height 6 inches to 40 inches at the shoulder
- Life expectancy 9 to 15 years, some 20 years
- Small dogs live longer than large dogs
- Common traits
- Shed hair once a year
- Non-retractable claws
- 42 adult teeth
- Pointed canine teeth
- Sweating

- Sweat glands on nose and feet
- Panting
$\square$ Hearing
- 2 times better than humans
- Higher frequencies
- Smell
- Tracking, hunting



## THE DOG'S BODY



## Breeds of Dogs

- Two classifications
- Natural system
- Dog show system
- Organizations
- American Kennel Club (AKC)
- United Kennel Club (UKC)
- Natural standard classification
- Breed (morphology, form structure)
- Variety (breed subdivisions)
- Hair length and color
- Body size and type
- Instinct traits
- Show standard classification
- Group (7)
- Breeds and varieties


## Classification of Dogs

| Group | Examples of Breeds | Original Uses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Terrier | Airedale Terrier, Bedlington Terrier, Bull Terrier, Calrn Terrier, <br> Irish Terrier, Fox Terrier, Jack Russell Terrier | Originally used in catching prey such <br> as foxes, badgers, and rabbits |
| Working | Collie, Boxer, Alaskan Malamute, German Shepherd, and <br> St. Bernard | Guards, guides, and herders such <br> as muscular, even-tempered, and obedient |
| Hporting | Pointers, Retrievers, Setters, and Spaniels | Sective dogs - hunt by air scent |

## Sporting Dogs



## Terriers



## Non-sporting Dogs



Dalmatian



Chow


Keeshond

## Working Dogs



Bullmastiff


Saint Bernard


Siberian Husky


Bernese Mountain Dog Newfoundland


Rottweiler

Great Pyrenees


Komondor

## Herding Dogs



## Toys



## Hounds



## History of Cats

- In family Felidae
- Domestication a few 1,000 years
- Egypt
- Worshiped and mummified cats
- Eastern world
- Eat certain cats
- Frequently become feral (wild)

- 82 million cats live in U.S.
- Outnumber dogs by 10 million
- Require less space and less personal attention
- More than 3 dozens pure breeds ( $8 \%$ population)
- Mostly mixed breeds
- Beneficial to people
- Mouser, ratter
- Companions
- Aid disabled people
- Alert people with hearing disability


Stimulate income of cat industries

- Cat food companies
- Accessory manufacturers
- Veterinarians
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Breeders



## Characteristics of Cats

- Size
- Weight 4 to 18 pounds
- Readily puts on weight

Life expectancy 10 to 15 years, some 22 years

- Common traits
- Retractable claws
- 30 adult teeth
- Pointed canine teeth
- Whiskers - vibrissae (antennae)
- Catch sound reflections
- Organ of touch


## - Vision

- Excellent night vision
- Vision up to 120 feet distance
- Hearing
- Can hear $11 / 2$ times better than dogs
- Semi-circular canals in ear help maintain balance
- Aids in cat's ability to land on feet in a fall
- Smell
- 14 times better than humans



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- Natural standard classification
- Breed (morphology, form structure)
- Variety (breed subdivisions)
- Hair length and color
- Long-haired, short-haired, hairless
- Body size and type
- Medium, long-limbed, short-limbed
- Show standard classification
- Group (3)
- Breeds and varieties


## Longhaired Cats



Persian/Himalayan
Birman

## Shorthaired Cats



## Rex



