

# Dogs

*The dog or domestic dog (Canis familiaris or Canis lupus familiaris) is a domesticated descendant of the wolf.*

*The dog is derived from an ancient, extinct wolf, and the modern wolf is the dog's nearest living relative. The dog was the first species to be domesticated,[9][8] by hunter-gatherers over 15,000 years ago, before the development of agriculture. Due to their long association with humans, dogs have expanded to a large number of domestic individuals and gained the ability to thrive on a starch-rich diet that would be inadequate for other canids.*