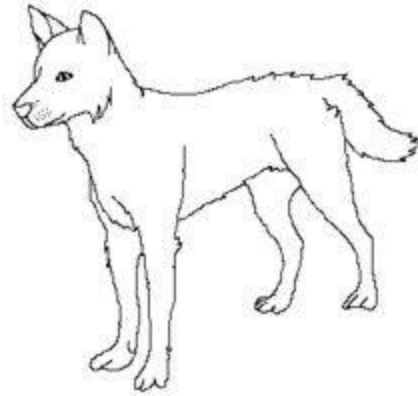


# Animals of Australia

## The Dingo



The dingo is an Australian wild dog, but it actually came from Southeast Asia, where similar looking dogs can be found today.

The first dingoes came in boats with the first Australians, the Australian Aboriginal people, who came to Australia thousands of years ago, through India and Indonesia.

The color of dingo fur is usually reddish-brown. The dingo has a pointy nose, and ears that stick up.

The dingo does not bark like other dogs but it howls like a wolf. This is how it talks to other dingoes.

Dingoes usually live in groups of about 10. They eat other animals and hunt for their prey together. They usually hunt rabbits, wallabies, kangaroos, birds and lizards. They sometimes eat berries and fruit.

Dingoes hunt mainly at night. They can travel a long way when they are searching for food. Just like dogs, dingoes will hide food remains under the ground for later meals.

Female dingoes have babies once every year. There are about 5 or 6 babies in a litter. All members of the group help in raising the pups. Young pups drink milk from their mother.

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4. Dingoes hunt mainly at n \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Dingoes live in groups. All members of the group help to care for the p \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Draw a picture of a dingo. Use the right colours.