

## Cunning and Resourceful Omnivores

Jackals are a type of canine, animals that are related to dogs, coyotes, foxes and wolves. They have the fox's small face, delicate legs and fluffy tail, with long, alert ears.

As omnivores, jackals like to eat both meat and vegetation. Their diet consists of leftovers from other animals' kills, ground-dwelling birds, reptiles, antelopes, fruits, insects, berries and grass.

Jackals have one mate for life, and both parents help take care of the young.

Fossil deposits have revealed that the black-backed jackal is one of the oldest known dog species. It has remained pretty much unchanged since the Pleistocene epoch, up to 2.5 million years ago.

