



Animal Care Day – Dog vs Dingo

Wait...They're Not the Same as Dogs?

Animal Care Day is on July 1st, join the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo to celebrate our zookeeper's hard work to make sure that the dingoes receive what they need to live long, healthy lives! This activity encourages families to learn about how dogs and dingoes may look a lot alike, but they are different animals. Did you know that they are one of the largest carnivores in Australia?! See below for a variety of questions to engage your kids even further:

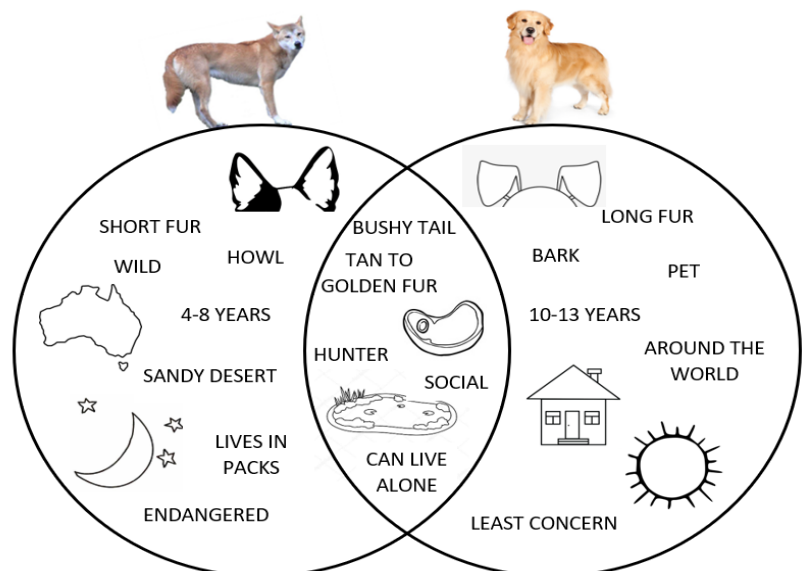
- 🍴 What are some differences you notice between a dog and dingo?
- 🍴 How does dingoes and dogs look alike?
- 🍴 Are dingoes more likely to bark or howl?
- 🍴 Are dingo or dog a wild animal or can they be pets?
- 🍴 How long can a dingo live in the wild? How long can dogs live?
- 🍴 Where do you think dingoes and dogs live?
- 🍴 What does their habitat look like?
- 🍴 When are they most active and why?
- 🍴 Can dingoes live in packs or do they only live alone? What about dogs?

Cut out the pieces or have kids write down the differences and similarities between a dingo and a golden retriever in the Venn Diagram. As your child is completing the worksheet, share some fantastic information about the dingoes provided below. For an extra challenge, have your child compare dingo with a different dog breed! Be on the lookout for the dingoes and observe their behaviors at the zoo! Share your lessons with the Fort Wayne Children' Zoo. Tag #fwkidszoo or email education@kidszoo.org to express how you used these supplemental activities!

Fun Facts:

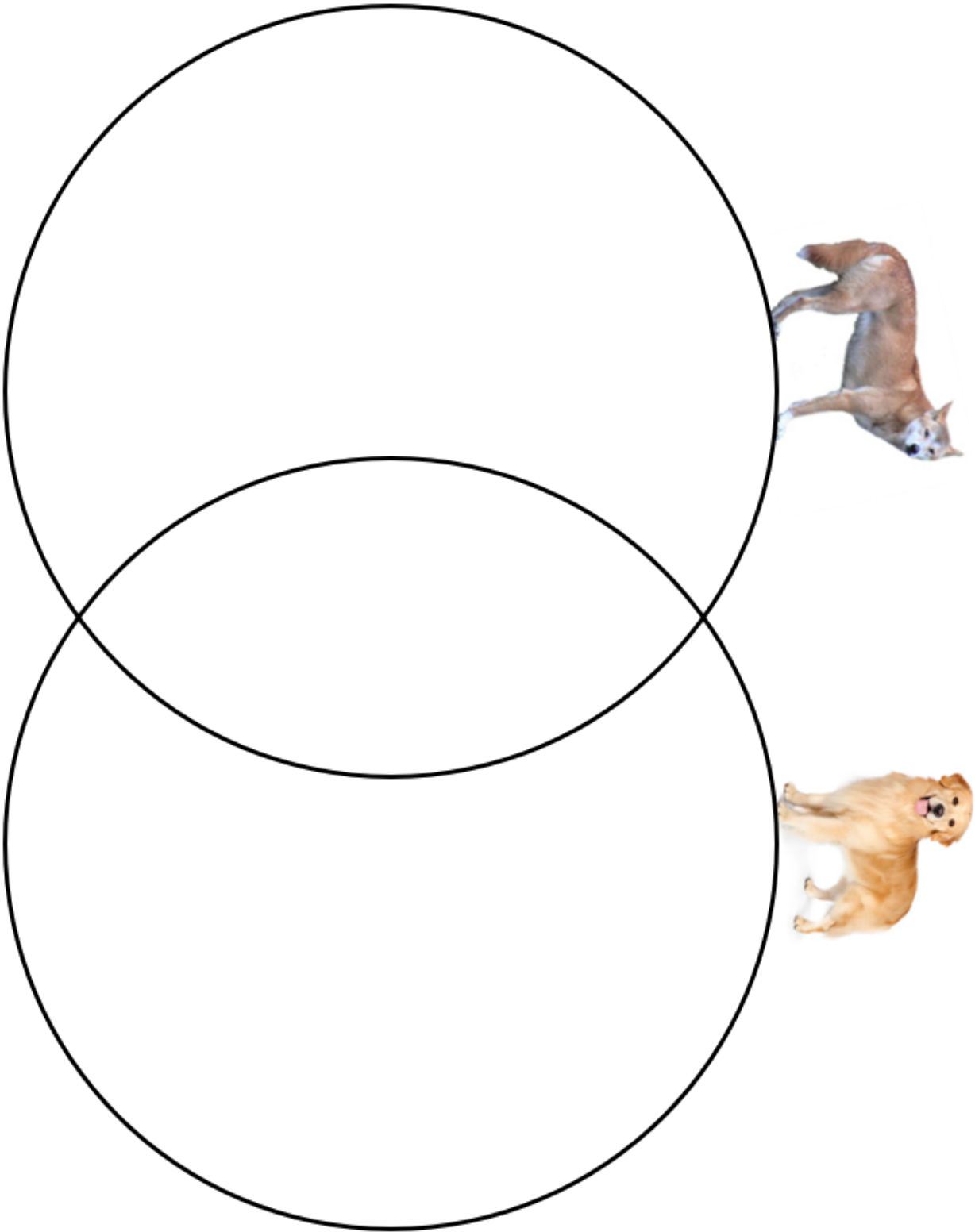
The Australian dingoes can live in a wide range of habitats from sandy deserts to grasslands. It is rare to hear a dingo bark, so they usually howl to communicate with each other, but they can bark if needed. Dingoes can be social or solitary animals. If they hunt larger foods, they will travel packs, but if dingoes are hunting for smaller food, they will stick to themselves. They are very social within their family, but not with other animals. Dingoes are more active at night, so that they can hunt for food. The dingoes enjoy shady areas with lots of rocks to climb on along with a pond to swim in when they get hot!

Answer Key:






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Cut out pieces and place them where you think it belongs in the Venn Diagram.


WILD


10-13 YEARS
SHORT FUR
LIVES IN PACKS

HOWL
SANDY DESERT


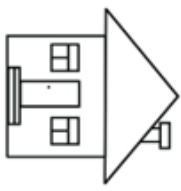
HUNTER
LEAST CONCERN



LONG FUR
4-8 YEARS

AROUND THE WORLD


BUSHY TAIL
PET

TAN TO GOLDEN FUR
ENDANGERED

SOCIAL


CAN LIVE ALONE


BARK