

DINGOES

Read this passage about dingoes and answer the questions which follow.

Dingoes are a native Australian medium-sized dog found all across the country except in Tasmania where the extinct Tasmanian Tiger or Thylacine was common. Dingoes are lean in build and able to run fast for relatively long periods of time. Dingoes can be light ginger or tan, black and tan or creamy white in colour.

The earliest known dingo fossil, found in Western Australia, is 3,450 years old although it is believed that they first arrived in Australia 8,500 years ago. They were domesticated by Aboriginal people but this is not recommended as they are classed as a wild animal and are not able to be domesticated like a regular dog.

Dingoes prey on mammals up to the size of the large red kangaroo, birds, reptiles, fish, crabs, frogs, insects. The dingo's competitors include the native quoll, the introduced European red fox and the feral cat. They normally live in packs with a mated pair, their offspring from the current year and sometimes offspring from the previous year.

1. What does native mean?

2. Why do you think there are no dingoes in Tasmania?

3. What colours can dingoes be?

4. Name 3 things dingoes hunt?

HASS - Interpret data and information to answer related questions.

