

What Is a Saluki Schipperke Kuvasz Lhasa Apsos Basenji

They're the doggonedest dogs you ever saw!

by **WALT CHANDOHA**

AS A PHOTOGRAPHER who specializes in pets like the dachshund on *Family Weekly's* cover, I sometimes tell myself, "I've seen just about everything when it comes to dogs." Then comes a dog I've never seen before nor even heard of. Not that they're new to the world: the saluki, pictured here with other rare breeds, was so loved by ancient Sumerians that they carved its picture on their walls some thousands of years ago. But in our country, at least, they're as rare as a dog lover without hair on his tweeds—and, as a pet photographer, I have seen just about everything when it comes to dog lovers.



1. Schipperke, from Belgium, is a smaller cousin of the Belgian sheep dog. A fine household pet, his name in Flemish means "little captain."
2. Kuvasz. A Hungarian sheep dog that came originally from Tibet via the Middle East. Until shepherds acquired them, kuvaszcs were the exclusive pets and watchdogs of Hungarian kings.
3. Saluki. These keen-sighted and swift hounds are considered the oldest breed of domestic dog, strongly resembling 8,000-year-old Persian carvings.
4. Lhasa Apsos. Another breed from Tibet, his heavy coat of fur helps keep him warm in the frigid Himalayas.
5. Basenji. About the size of a fox terrier, the basenji came to Egypt from Central Africa. A voiceless dog, his bite is worse than his bark.



COVER:

The wistful-looking dachshund on today's cover owes his marvelously alive picture to the famed pet photographer Walt Chandoha, whose picture story on unusual dogs appears above.

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