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Fantastic Members of the Dog Family

The dog family, also called *canines*, includes many amazing animals. Wolves, foxes, jackals, coyotes and wild dogs are all part of this group. Each member has special features that help it survive. Let's meet some of them!

The **wolf** is one of the most famous members of the dog (1)..... Wolves are known for their sharp teeth, long legs, and thick (2)..... They live in packs and hunt together. Their strong jaws help them catch large animals like deer. Wolves also have excellent noses – they can (3)..... prey from far away!

Another fascinating canine is the **red fox**. It has a bushy tail, pointy ears, and a long nose. The red fox is very clever and can live in forests, fields, and even (4)..... It uses its tail to stay warm in the winter by wrapping it around its body like a blanket.

The **Tibetan fox** is a unique member of the fox family. It lives in the mountains of Tibet, where it is very cold. This fox has a square-shaped face and thick fur to keep it warm. Its flat, wide nose helps it breathe in thin mountain air. Tibetan foxes eat small animals like (5)..... and have excellent eyesight to spot their prey.

Another interesting canine is the **African wild dog**. These dogs have colorful fur with black, brown, and (6)..... patches. They are great hunters and work as a team to catch food. Their large, round ears help them (7)..... well, even from far away.

The **jackal** is smaller than a wolf but just as smart. Jackals have sharp (8)..... and long legs, making them good hunters. They can run very fast to catch small animals like birds and lizards.

The **coyote** is a clever and adaptable member of the canine family. Found across North America, it lives in deserts, forests, and even cities. Coyotes are excellent hunters and can work (9)..... or in small groups to catch rodents, rabbits, and other prey.

Some people think **hyenas** are part of the dog family, but they are not! They are their own group, closer to cats than dogs. However, hyenas look like dogs with their strong jaws and (10)..... necks. They are excellent scavengers and can eat almost anything, even bones!

From clever foxes to strong wolves, the dog family is full of amazing animals. Which one do you think is the most impressive?

Word Bank

howl, alone, hear, cities, thick, fur, family, white, rabbits, teeth, smell