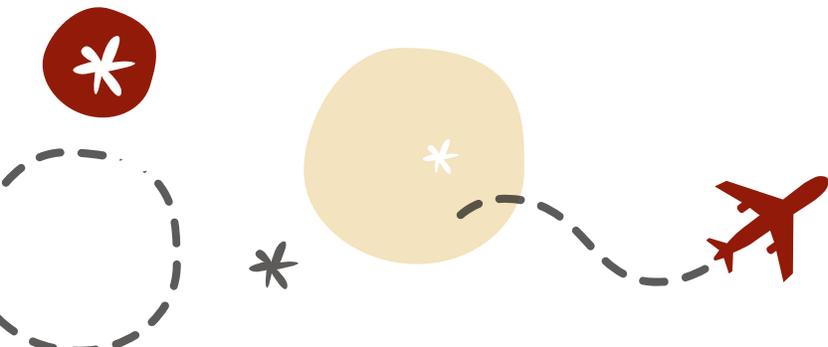


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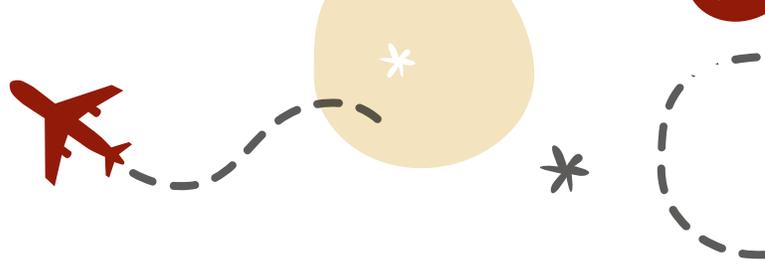
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This week we're learning about animals who originate from Asia. Animals from Asia come in all different sizes, fur length, and have different personalities that make them suitable for all sorts of jobs. Let's learn some more about some of the ways dogs in Asia help their owners!



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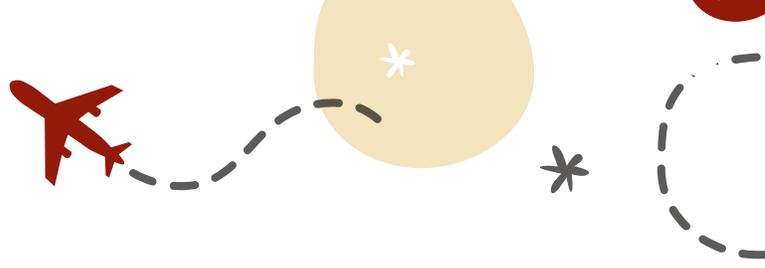


Amur Leopard

- A rare subspecies of leopard found in forests on the border of Russia and China
- Can jump up to 19 feet long and 10 feet high
- Can run up to 37 miles per hour
- They have soft, thick fur to keep warm in their cold habitat
- Only about 100 Amur leopards remain in the wild, making them a critically endangered species
- Amur leopards are nocturnal and generally live and hunt alone
- These big cats weigh about 80 pounds
- Amur leopards are top predators and play a special role in their habitat
- They are named after the Amur river, which flows along the border of Russia and China
- Their scientific name is *Panthera pardus orientalis*



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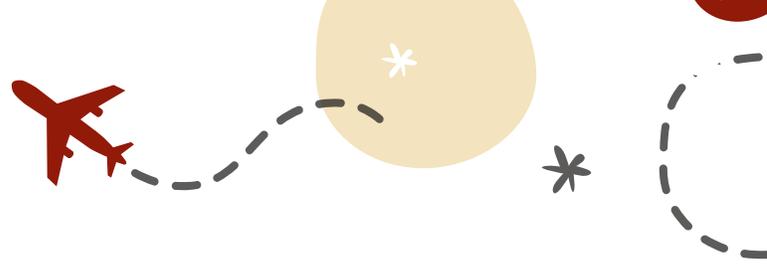


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- Akitas almost went extinct several times
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