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The origin of the domestic dog includes the dog's evolutionary divergence from the wolf, its domestication, and its development into dog types and dog breeds. The domestic dog (*Canis lupus familiaris* when considered a subspecies of the wolf or *Canis familiaris* when considered a distinct species) is a member of the genus *Canis* (canines), which forms part of the wolf-like canids, and is the most widely abundant terrestrial carnivore. Behavior is the functional component of evolutionary change. How well an animal runs is the selective force, not its legs. Paleontologists study the evolution of hard parts because those are what fossilize. Behavioral Genetics and Animal Science TEMPLE GRANDIN AND MARK J. DEESING Genetics and the Behavior of Domestic Animals (Chapter One) Academic Press 1998, Domestic Dog Evolution Behavior Interactions.

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