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dachs·hund  (däk sänd, -sənt, daks h nt')

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n.

A dog of a small breed developed in Germany for hunting badgers, having a long body, a brown or black-and-brown coat, drooping ears, and very short legs. Dachshunds are bred in long-haired, smooth-coat, wire-haired, and miniature varieties, sometimes considered separate breeds.

[German : *Dachs*, badger (from Middle High German *dahs*, from Old High German; see **teks-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *Hund*, dog (from Middle High German *hunt*, from Old High German; see **kwon-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]



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dachshund

smooth-coat dachshund

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