



CHEETAH

Description

The Cheetah has a yellowish coat with small black spots and a ringed tail that is 60–80 cm long. Its coat pattern is used for camouflage. The cheetah has a relatively small head and sleek body.

Diet

The Cheetah is a **carnivore** and eats medium-sized herbivores such as gazelles, antelopes, and smaller animals like hares.

In the wild

Cubs leave their mother at 13–20 months but the siblings may stay together for longer.

Threats

The Cheetah was once widespread across Asia and Africa. Now there are only approximately 60 Asian Cheetahs surviving in reserves in Iran. Only scattered populations survive in suitable habitat in Africa. Cheetahs are hunted by humans for their fur and their threat to livestock. They are also threatened by habitat loss and human encroachment.

At Perth Zoo

Perth Zoo's Cheetah can be seen in the **African Savannah**.

Scientific Name

Acinonyx jubatus

Conservation Status

Extinct

Extinct in the Wild

Critically Endangered

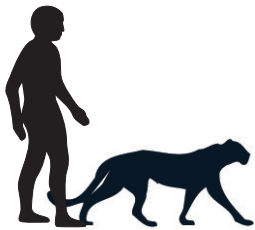
Endangered

Vulnerable

Near-Threatened

Least Concern

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Body Length: 1.1–1.5 m

Weight: 21–72 kg

Gestation: 93 days

Number of young: 3–4



Distribution ■

Distribution: Eastern and southern Africa

Habitat: Savannah and open forests

Did you know?

The Cheetah is the world's fastest land animal and can sprint at over 110 kph for 10–20 seconds. Prey will survive if it can outrun this quick attack.

