

# The capybara

A slideshow about capybaras



In this slideshow, I shall discuss facts of the capybara, such as where it lives, what it eats, what it's predators are and how it survives and lives in the wild. Did you know that the capybara lives in the amazon rainforest and is the largest rodent on earth? Some people though the beaver was the biggest rodent!



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Unfortunately, Capybaras only live up to 4-8 years :( .

But capybaras get on well with monkeys and other animals pretty well (Except their predators of course!)

Some people make memes about capybaras due to the simplicity in their lifestyle, their adorable, fluffy coat and their squinty and puny eyes.

Capybaras are very social creatures and can sleep in water as long as they have their noses out of the water, they just need to find the right depth!



# Fun facts about capybaras!



Capybara are herbivores, and use their long, sharp teeth for grazing on grass and water plants. However, during the dry season, when fresh grasses and water plants dry up, a capybara will eat reeds, grains, melons and squashes.



# Diet and predators

Capybaras are naturally threatened by jaguars, caimans and anacondas. Although, young Capybaras can be taken by ocelots and harpy eagles. Their main threat is humans because we poach them for their skin and meat because they can be made into leather. Capybaras are under LC (Least concern) although they are still being illegally hunted and suffering deforestation.



# Epic pics!

Capybaras can come in all different colours, shapes and sizes!





# Ancestors

Capybaras are mammals that evolved from the *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*. The capybara species were discovered in Africa over 80 million years ago before it made its journey to South America 40 million years later.

Capybaras are really interesting animals, first of all, they can sleep underwater, they can eat long grass with their teeth and are the biggest rodent on earth!



Capybaras require a body of water to live due to its dry skin and leathery coating. Capybaras will tend to often spend most of their time flourishing nearby lakes, swamps and marshes. Capybaras are not solitary and live in groups, they tend to doze in the day while the rest of the group will stay guard.



Capybaras will usually spend most of their day sitting around near a swamp or body of water. Capybara in latin is *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* and they are part of the *caviidae* family.







Thanks for watching!

