



Ring-tailed Lemur

Lemur catta

Description: Ring-tailed Lemurs are appropriately named for their ringed tails. They are primitive primates that are small in size, only about two and a half feet in length. Like a lot of primates they have opposable thumbs and use these to grab things. They are grey in color with dark circles around their eyes.

Range: Madagascar.

Habitat: Lemurs tend to live in jungle areas where there is lots of vegetation to forage.

Life span: In the wild they have an average life span of 18 years but in captivity, they have the potential to live longer.

Natural Diet: Lemurs typically eat fruits, vegetables, and also insects. They will forage on the ground and even eat the bark off trees.

Zoo Diet: Our Lemurs are fed leaf-eater biscuits along with fresh produce.



Behavior: Lemurs live in groups called troops of anywhere from 6-30 Lemurs that is lead by a dominant female. They mark off their territory with scent glands that are found on their wrists. They will rub their scent to ward off predators, competing lemurs or to find a mate. Lemurs tend to spend most of their time on the ground.

Reproduction: A single baby (sometimes twins) is born to a female lemur and the entire troop will help raise it. After about 3 weeks the baby will be climbing and start to be weaned. They are fully weaned at about 6 months and will be full grown in a year and a half.

Conservation Status: Endangered



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