

Animal Fact Sheet

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Capybara

Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris

The capybara is the largest rodent in the world, native to South America. It is a highly social and semi-aquatic mammal, often found in groups near rivers, lakes, and marshes. Capybaras have barrel-s...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Caviidae

Habitat: Wetlands, riverbanks, marshes, and lakeshores in tropical and subtropical South America

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 8-10 years in the wild

Weight: 35–66 kg (77–146 lbs)

Scientific name: *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*

Did you know?

- Capybaras are so tolerant and friendly that many other animals, including birds and monkeys, are often seen sitting on their backs in the wild.
- Capybaras are highly social and can live in groups of up to 100 individuals during the dry season. They can sleep in water, keeping only their noses ...

What I learned
