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Animal Fact Sheet

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Long-tailed Chinchilla

Chinchilla lanigera

Chinchilla lanigera of the Chilean Andes has the densest fur of any land mammal: instead of one hair per follicle, as in humans, a chinchilla grows 50 to 80 or more hairs from a single follicle, prod…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Chinchillidae
Habitat: Rocky mountain slopes and arid shrublands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 8-10 years in the wild, up to 15 years in captivity
Weight: 400-600 grams
Scientific name: Chinchilla lanigera

Did you know?

- Wild populations of Long-tailed Chinchillas survive in only a handful of small, isolated colonies in Chile, making them one of the rarest mammals in …
- Chinchillas cannot sweat and have no ability to shed heat through the skin, so a pet kept above about 25 C can overheat and die - their whole physiol…

What I learned

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