

Animal Fact Sheet

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Mongolian Gerbil

Meriones unguiculatus

The Mongolian gerbil is a small, burrowing rodent native to the dry grasslands and deserts of Central Asia, particularly Mongolia and northern China. Recognized for its long, furry tail and large, da...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Muridae

Habitat: Desert and grassland

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2–4 years

Weight: 60–130 grams

Scientific name: *Meriones unguiculatus*

Did you know?

- Despite being called 'desert rats' in some regions, Mongolian gerbils are not true rats and belong to a distinct subfamily of rodents.
- Gerbils are incredible diggers, able to create intricate burrow systems that protect them from predators and harsh weather. Unlike many rodents, gerb...

What I learned
