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Cheetah - predatory mammal of the cat family, lives in most of Africa, and the Middle East. It is the only surviving member of the genus Acinonyx. Is the fastest land mammal

Markedly different from the other members of the cat family. The body is slender and muscular and with virtually no fat, it seems even fragile. Cheetah has a small head, highly placed eyes and small rounded ears - that is aerodynamic body building that serves for better aerodynamics while running. Colouring sandy-yellow, with scattered throughout the body small black spots on the sides of the muzzle - thin black stripes. Mass adult cheetahs from 40 to 65 kg, length - from 115 to 140 cm, has a rather massive tail length of 80 cm.

To start ovulation, the male is necessary for some time to chase the female. Males are combined in small groups, usually consisting of brothers. These groups are fighting with other cheetahs for hunting territory and is on her females. Male cheetah together usually hold territory for six months, and three of them - 2 years.

Cheetahs - daytime predators. They prey mostly on large ungulates: gazelles, impala, and hares. The three cheetahs can overcome the ostrich. 87% of production cheetah - Thomson gazelle. Cheetahs hunt usually in the early morning or evening when it is not very hot, but light enough. Guided more by sight than by smell.

The main part of the population accounted for cheetahs in Africa: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Chad, Central African Republic Ethiopia and South Africa. In Asia, cheetahs there are not very many: pockets of preserved, probably only in the central part of Iran

In X-XII centuries the princes of the eastern states used cheetahs while hunting saiga. To hunt some cheetahs were on leashes, other horses were put on the back of the riders. To the animals before the time will not break down after the game, on the heads of cheetahs were caps that cover the eyes of animals. Cheetahs have been trained to keep caught prey to th

Detailed studies have shown that low numbers of cheetahs is not the result of destruction or drastic changes in environmental conditions. Cheetah is not exterminated, and quietly fades away, and it is fading - the result of loss of genetic diversity ...

