

All About Leopards

Leopards are part of the cat family. This family includes big cats, such as lions, cheetahs, jaguars and tigers, and also pet cats. There are many different types of leopard but they are all endangered. For example, there are only about 70 Amur leopards living in the wild.

Habitat

Leopards can live in many different places. Some like to live high up in the mountains and others prefer to live in rainforests, grasslands, deserts or even swamps! All leopards are excellent climbers and are very strong. They use their long tails to help them balance when they are high in the trees.

Diet

Leopards are carnivores but they eat lots of different types of meat. For example, they will eat birds, rodents or reptiles if they cannot find large mammals, such as deer.

When they kill their prey, leopards usually drag it up high into a tree to eat immediately. Sometimes they keep the prey in the branches so they can eat it later.

