

Black Pine Animal Park

Animal Facts

Breed: ASIAN LEOPARD

Names / Sex / Age:

China Male 8

Previous Home: Born in captivity, placed at Black Pine when 2 weeks old, in September, 2001. Rescued from the exotic pet trade.

Native to: Primarily Southeast Asia, Indochina and Java. Compared to African leopards, life history and exact range of the surviving Asian leopards are vaguely known. Many subspecies are extinct.

Weight: 60 to 100 pounds. Males will weigh more than females. China currently weighs around 110 lbs.

Life Expectancy: In captivity, about 16-18 years. Around 8-10 in the wild.

Diet: In captivity, fed deer, beef and chicken. Prey in the wild includes small to medium size mammals, rodents (which make up the majority of their diet at about 35%), birds, baboons, snakes, lizards and insects.

Facts:

- Called the "Super Cat"
- Leopards are the most athletic of the world's great cats
- Excellent climbers and can carry 3 times their weight up a tree
- Spending most of their time in trees, easy prey like baboon are caught
- Leopards are very quiet hunters
- They can reach speeds of 40 mph, can jump 30 ft. horizontally, 10 ft. vertically
- Leopards are solitary and nocturnal, though they will hunt at anytime
- Leopards can go for long periods of time without water, living off the moisture from feeding off their prey
- Seeing a leopard (African or Asian) in the wild is very rare due to their elusive lifestyle and camouflaged fur.
- The Asian leopard's main predator is the tiger
- Leopards make high pitched mewling sounds similar to domestic cats

Personal History:

China was adopted directly from a private breeder in Missouri to help ensure his fate would not lie in the hands of a private owner. China was named in honor of his Asian heritage and is a bit more laid back than Chui. China, unlike Chui, does not like getting wet. Only on extremely hot days will you see him lounging in water, but only for a few minutes. China is an observer and typically unaffected by strangers. However, like all leopards, he is very unpredictable and will exhibit aggression towards people on occasion.

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