

Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

Animal Facts

Breed: KINKAJOUS

Names / Sex / Age:

Chu	Female	11
Mishka	Male	17

Previous Home: Private home.

Native to: southern Mexico to southern Brazil

Size: 9 pounds, with males being larger

Life Expectancy: 23 years

Diet: In the wild fruits, flowers, seeds, berries, eggs, birds, rodents, and insects. At BP, commercial canned marmoset diet, commercial omnivore biscuits, insects, fruits, eggs, veggies.

Facts:

- Commonly called “honey bear” or “nightwalker”
- Kinkajous are nocturnal, foraging at night and spending the day in hollow trees or lying on limbs
- Agile and fast, they jump from tree to tree gracefully and noisily
- A prehensile tail helps them balance and hold onto trees
- They are noisy animals and bark when they are disturbed
- Kinkajous can turn their feet backwards when descending head first down a tree
- Kinkajous are also related to the raccoon
- They are classified as carnivores because of their skull structure and sharp teeth though they rarely eat meat and are cared for like an omnivore
- Kinkajous are often killed for their meat or their pelts. Pelts are turned into wallets and belts.

Personal History:

Chu and Mishka came to live at Black Pine on May 1, 2004. Their previous owner was forced to move to an apartment where she didn't have sufficient room for them to live and play. They have always lived with Mickey, the bush baby. Prior to moving to Black Pine they lived in a cage in a garage where they were largely ignored, or sleeping when people were around.

Chu is the more curious, but more aggressive of the two animals. She is usually the first to wake up at dinner time. She is more red in color than Mishka.