

# Cheetah





# Appearance

Markedly different from other cats. Body slender, with well-developed muscles and virtually no fat, it seems, even fragile. In a small cheetah head, high-set eyes and small rounded ears - that is, the aerodynamic construction of the body that is used for better aerodynamics during high-speed running. Also, the cheetah has chest and lungs of a large volume that also contributes to the respiration rate during high-speed running. Painting sandy-yellow, with scattered all over the body with 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, quite massive tail has a length of 80 cm Height average of 75 to 90 centimeters..





# Food

Cheetahs - daytime predators. They hunt mostly at medium hoofed animals: gazelles, impala, wildebeest calves, - as well as birds. The three cheetahs can overcome ostrich. 87% of the production of a cheetah - Thomson's gazelle. In Asia, the main prey was the cheetah gazelle. Cheetahs usually hunt in the early morning or evening when it is not very hot, but light enough. Orient more in sight than smell.

# Hunting

All the structure of the cheetah is adapted for running -.

This lean animals weighing 40-65 kg, body length of 115-140 cm and a tail length of 80 cm a small head, long legs, long-legged, back sagging. In this cat big lungs and heart, that also need to run.

Cheetah - day predator. Please choose a cheetah prey - usually it is injured or sick gazelle or a small calf. The victim is usually among the cheetah chooses Thomson's gazelle - is his main prey.

So-called tear the label - the band extending from the inner edge of the eye to the lip - cheetah need to focus on production. They also remove the risk of blinding sunlight.





Some time cheetah sneaks up on stage, and then, as a race car, catches the run. In the first few seconds, he develops a speed of 70-80 km / h, and then - 110-112 km / hour. Two seconds cheetah can accelerate from standstill to 75 km / h!

His manner of hunting cheetah looks like a dog, after all other big cats prefer to spend hours to track down prey. For example, the leopard strikes the victim with branches, snow leopard - a cliff. Jaws cheetah weaker than that of other large cats, his main weapon - a quick run. Antelope usually run in zigzags, and cheetah at high speed also changes direction.