



TIBETAN GAZELLE (GOA)

Procapra picticaudata



Tibetan gazelles are primarily animals of the frigid deserts of Tibet. They are social animals that live in groups of 3 to 5 individuals. In winter they will form larger groups of up to 20 individuals.

Male Tibetan gazelles have backward-curving horns, while the females lack horns. They rely on their sharp eyesight and keen hearing to detect danger, and they use a quick and zigzagging movement to escape.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

A typical Tibetan gazelle stands about 2 feet tall at the shoulder.

WEIGHT

Tibetan gazelles weigh about 50 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Tibetan gazelles are grazers of grass and other low-lying vegetation.

HABITAT

Tibetan gazelles are found in alpine meadows, subalpine grasslands and frigid deserts of the Tibetan plateau.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The Tibetan gazelle is endemic to the Tibetan plateau.

FUN FACT

During the past thirty years, Tibetan gazelles have been drastically reduced in numbers due to illegal hunting.