



Vervet Or Green Monkey

Chlorocebus aethiops



What is the history of my relationship to man?

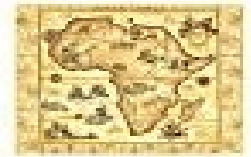
A small population of Vervets were taken as pets by slavers and were transported with the enslaved Africans. They are found in the Caribbean, on the islands of Barbados, Saint Kitts, Nevis, and Saint Maarten. A colony also exists in Broward County, Fl.

Habitat / Climate

mountain areas
acacia woodland
along streams, rivers and lakes

Where am I from?

These monkeys are found only in sub-Saharan Africa; their range extends from Senegal and Ethiopia down to South Africa.



Who are my relatives?

The vervet monkeys or green monkeys are medium-sized primates from the family of Old World monkeys. There are six species currently recognized,



Other family members:

Primates such as the Baboon, mandrill and Ape

Breeding

Normally one young per year.

How am I born?

I am born with my eyes open and able to hold on to my mother.

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

I spend the first week of life clinging to my mother's stomach. After about the third week, I begin to move about by myself and try to play with other young monkeys.

Breeding Season

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

As the infants grow, they play not only with monkeys but with other young animals. Young vervets chase one another, wrestle, tumble and play "king-of-the-castle," taking turns pushing each other off a high perch.

Names for:

Adult male- Male
Adult female-Female
Young- baby
Group:- Troup

What kind of family life do I

Green monkeys live in large groups, which can consist of some males, many females and their offspring, and can be as large as 80 animals. The group hierarchy plays an important role: dominant males and females are given priority in the search for food, and are groomed by subordinate members of the group. While young males must leave their group once they are fully mature, females remain and take on the role of their mothers.

What do I eat and when do I eat?

Vervet monkeys are Omnivores. The majority of their diet, however, is grasses and fruits. Occasionally they also eat small vertebrates and insects.



Comments:

In Africa, many monkeys are killed by human related problems such as power lines, dogs, vehicles, shooting, poisoning, and hunting. In the wild birds of prey large cats and snakes use them as food.