

Amur Leopard - Diet



Prey: Amur leopards hunt an indiscriminate variety of animals including roe deer, sika deer, badgers and hares. Unlike tigers, if hungry leopards will happily seek out very small prey, such as squirrels or rodents until the opportunity for a big meal presents itself!

Hunting Habits: Amur leopards normally hunt at night and need large territories to avoid competition for prey. They silently watch their prey and ambush them using a burst of energy reaching speeds of up to 35 miles per hour. They then carry and hide unfinished kills, sometimes up trees, so that they are not taken by other predators.

Dietary requirements: Some *Carnivora* species are considered omnivorous and can live on a mixed diet of meat, fruits, seeds and vegetables. The Amur leopard is a strict carnivore, it cannot survive on a mixed diet because of how it metabolises its food, they must always eat other animals in order to acquire energy to live.

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