



CHINCHILLA

THE BASICS:

- MALE : male chinchilla
- FEMALE : female chinchilla
- NEWBORN : baby chinchilla
- GESTATION : 111 days
- AVERAGE LITTER SIZE: 1-3 babies
- In the wild chinchillas live in social groups called herds.

THE EXTRAS:

- Chinchillas are part of the rodent family. Native to the Andes Mountains of South America.
- Chinchillas are on the endangered species list, almost entirely wiped out by man in the wild for their fur. Chinchilla fur is extremely soft, due mostly to the sprouting of about 60 hairs from each follicle.
- In captivity their diet consists of timothy hay, grains, alfalfa and oats.
- Chinchillas take baths in dust a couple times a week. Chinchillas do not bath in water because their dense fur prevents air drying.
- A chinchilla's teeth never stop growing so they need to chew on branches routinely.

OUR CHINCHILLA:

- Our chinchilla is named Chilli. It is a grey chinchilla.