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Fun Facts about Lemurs from the Lemur Conservation Network

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LEMURS



Lemurs live naturally in Madagascar and nowhere else!

Lemurs arrived on the island of Madagascar about 70 million years ago. They have evolved into over 100 unique species. This includes the species you can see at zoos like black and white ruffed lemurs, red ruffed lemurs, sifakas, common brown lemurs, and ring-tailed lemurs!



In lemur troops, girls rule!

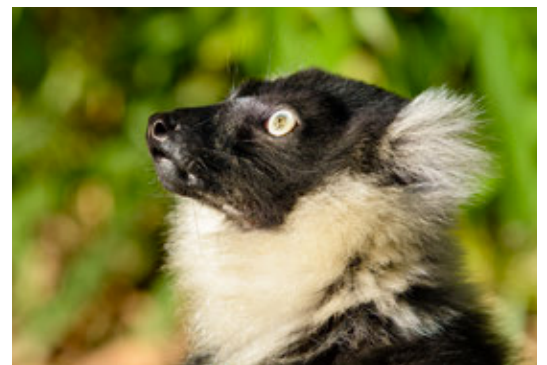
In lemur society, a female leader leads the social group. This happens quite rarely in mammals. Lemur females show their dominance by marking their territories, snatching food away from the males, and sometimes even kicking them out of sleeping spots!

In the wild, it would not be King Julian, but Queen Juliette!

Lemurs help the forests grow!

Some lemur species are seed dispersers. This means they help seeds move from one area of the forest to another.

But how? Lemurs eat fruit, but don't digest the seeds. They leap through the forest to new areas. When they poop, they drop seeds to the forest floor. Eventually, seedlings grow and become new trees!



Lemurs are the world's most endangered group of mammals.

In fact, 98% of lemur species are at risk of extinction and 31% are critically endangered. Together with communities in Madagascar and lemur fans around the world, we can help!

Learn how you can help lemurs at www.LemurConservationNetwork.org/