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Domestic Zebu

Bos taurus indicus

Peoria Zoo Exhibit

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Habitat: Open forests and meadows

Range: Originally found throughout Europe, southern Asia, and northern Africa

Activity Cycle: Diurnal— active during the day

Size: About the size of a typical cow

Social Structure: Social creatures that prefer herds
Wild groups consist of a bull and several females with young

Distinguishing Features: Zebu have humps on the shoulders
The flap of skin under the neck is called a dewlap
Horns are found on both males and females and grow throughout their lives
Their coloring can be a mixture of black, gray, or bay.

Diet: Grassy plants, leaves and acorns

Life Span: 20-25 years

Did you know?

The zebu is known as the "sacred cattle of India" and is allowed to roam the streets and villages.