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THE AMUR FOREST CAT



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The Amur forest cat (Latin *Prionailurus bengalensis euptilurus*), the Far Eastern forest cat, is a northern subspecies of the Bengal cat.

Description

It is slightly larger than a domestic cat. Its body length is 75-90 cm, tail is 35-37 cm, weight is 4-6 kg. The main color of the coat on the upper side is light grayish-yellow or dull grayish-brown with scattered rounded auburn spots.

Habitat

It is spread in the Far East, in the Amur River basin and along the coast of the Sea of Japan. It near Lake Khanka, the cat was found throughout the entire habitable area. Lives in Bolshekhekhtsirsky, Khankaisky, Ussuriysky, Kedrovaya Pad, Lazovsky nature reserves.

Food

It hunts mice, voles, squirrels, birds, and occasionally attacks hares and young roe deer. During the summer, it accumulates large reserves of fat, which it consumes moderately during the winter, without hibernating (the need for fat reserves is due to the inability of the Amur forest cat to move in deep snow, which, in turn, prevents the animal from hunting). It reaches puberty at the age of 1 year old. Mating takes place in March. Pregnancy lasts 65-70 days, the cat brings up to four kittens, in the upbringing of which the male also takes part. Life term is 17-18 years.



The Tale of the Forest Cat

There lived a forest cat. Why forest? Because he lived in the forest. And in general, a cat was like an ordinary cat. Better than many other cats, but of course it was also less beautiful than others.

From his mother's stories, he knew that cats also lived in the city, but they did not need to hunt at all. From his mother's stories, he knew that cats also lived in the city, but they did not need to hunt at all.

- Like this? - the cat was surprised - They don't eat there? - What if they are also stone - he thought.

- No - my mother answered - they are able to eat. - Only food is lying around there and never disappears. It is brought by large animals and placed especially for cats.

- Gee - thought our cat - although, of course, living among the stones is also not sweet. Even though there is plenty of food.

Then he often asked his mother to tell him about the city. He asked, where do the cats walk? Where do they sleep? On the stones? And what is there always making noise, since the stones are alone around?

- And how did you, mom, find out about this city?

Mom replied that her grandmother had told her about the city because her mother was from the city. She lived there and then went into the forest.

- Blimey! - thought the cat - Lived! - Why did she leave such a place for the forest? Stones, stones, but since others live, then you can live. And there is always food!

- Why did she leave, grandmother? Well, tell me, grandmother, why did she go to the forest? The cat often asked.

- Then I'll tell you - for some reason, somehow always evasive, answered the grandmother.

But somehow I didn't tell everything. And once she went into the forest and did not return. It is common for cats to leave to die quietly and so as not to trouble anyone.

But all the same, she returned. She did not want to die and she returned home safe and sound.

The tale ended there. But children remember these words: That's the end of the fairy tale, and who was listening is a good fellow.

