Ring-tailed Lemur *(Lemur Catta)*

Range: Madagascar
Length: Body: 15-18 inches/ Tail: 22-25 inches
Weight: 5 pounds
Diet: Herbivore
Gestation: 4.5 months
Life Span: up to 30 years

The word lemur comes from the Roman mythology word "lemures" meaning ghost or spirit. Ring-tailed lemurs are an endangered prosimians species. Prosimian is defined as "pre-monkey" or "pre-primate" meaning that lemur species evolved before the larger primates. Lemurs have large eyes and an opposable large toe and thumb. Their hind legs are larger than their front legs enabling them to jump great distances. This lemur is diurnal meaning they are active during the day rather than night. They live in large groups with an equal number of males and females while a female is the leader of the troop.

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Ring-tailed lemurs are known for the obvious, their long, black and white ring tailed.

Fun Fact: Newborn Ring-tailed lemurs can weigh as little as 3 ounces or one apple.

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