



# Cheetah

Name/Gender	Magnet Color	Birthday	Individual Identification and/or birthplace
Kesi - F	Yellow	09/03/2014	Born at Omaha Zoo; arrived at Columbus Zoo 10/21/2014.
Luciana (Lucy) – F	Green	12/04/2016	Born at Tanganyika Wildlife Park. Named after a character in Shakespeare’s plays.
Frances – F Debbie – F Bob - M	Blue	05/03/2018	Bob is the largest; Debbie has a smaller head. Born at Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in TX; arrived at Columbus Zoo 05/07/2018.
Dave – M Adrienne - F	No magnet	02/19/2020	Dave is taller with a more round, fluffy head. Born at the Columbus Zoo through in vitro fertilization and embryo transfer into a surrogate mother. Biological mother is Bibi, father is Flash from Fossil Rim.
Misi – F (promotions)	N/A	04/18/2014	Born at Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in TX; name is short for DaMisi which means “cheerful” in Swahili. Raised with cheetah dog Cash.

<b>Status</b>	Vulnerable (facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild)
<b>Habitat</b>	East and southern Africa; also a small population left in Iran. Usually found in prairies, grasslands, savannahs, and semi-desert regions.
<b>Median Life Expectancy (MLE)</b>	11.3 years
<b>Zoo Diet</b>	Carnivore meat diet and raw chicken meat.
<b>Wild Diet</b>	Thomson’s and Grant’s gazelle, springbok and impala.
<b>Fun Facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although previously thought to be solitary, male cheetahs often form coalitions.</li> <li>• Often make a variety of vocalizations, one of which is a “chirp.”</li> <li>• Common name ‘cheetah’ is derived from the Hindi word <i>chita</i> which means ‘spotted’ or ‘sprinkled,’ describing the cat’s coat.</li> </ul>