

# LLAMAS

(LAMA-GLAMA)

CONSERVATION STATUS: LEAST CONCERN\*

WE ARE MAMMALS  
with a lifespan of  
15-25 years



**Origin:** South America.

**Diet:** Grass, hay, grain, bark, twigs and vegetation. They are herbivores.

**Predators:** Coyotes, bears, mountain lions and other big cats.

**Habitat:** Highland covered in low vegetation.



\*The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2016. Downloaded 01.02.19



Height

**170-180cm**



Weight

**130-200kg**



Top Speed

**35mph**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Llamas do not have hooves but their feet have soft, leathery pads and two toes with toenails.

They are sociable animals who live in groups of up to 20. They even adopt sheep into their packs.

A llama can carry a load of 45-60kg for up to 20 miles a day. However, if you overload them they will lay down and refuse to move. They may even hiss, spit and kick.

They need little water and get most of what they need through the vegetation they eat.

Llamas are part of the Camelid family, made up of Camels, Alpacas, Guanacos and Vicuanas.

## ADAPTATIONS

Their blood has adapted so that they are able to survive in high altitudes where the oxygen is low. Their soft feet allows them to graze without causing damage to the vegetation.

## REPRODUCTION

Females are ready to reproduce by around 1 year old but males are not ready until around the age of 3 years. They breed any time of the year with a gestation period of around 11 months. A single baby called a 'crias' is born. They are usually standing up and nursing within 90 minutes and are usually weaned by 6 months.

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