



WHITE-THROATED CAPUCHIN

Kingdom: Animalia **Phylum:** Chordata **Class:** Mammalia **Order:** Primate **Family:** Cebidae
Cebus capucinus

Description: One of the smallest of the Capuchin monkeys, the White-Fronted Capuchin has a dark body with a characteristic pale colored hair on the face and chest.

Length: 13-20 inches with a tail about the same length

Weight: 3-9 pounds

Habitat: Forests

Distribution: Columbia and Honduras

Diet: Fruit, insects, leaves, small birds, and small mammals.

Life Span: Up to 40 years in captivity

Status: Stable

Special Characteristics:

- Troop size ranges from 6-20 members.
- Highly social, they spend most of their time with reciprocal grooming.
- Capuchins are arboreal, and when they travel together they move in a specific order with juvenile males and females first, then adult males and females, followed by pregnant females.
- When they separate to hunt food, they keep in constant contact by hoarse calls.
- In order to keep their sense of direction and mark territory, they leave a scent among the foliage of the trees by soaking their feet and hands in their urine (urine-washing).
- They have opposable thumbs and big toes.
- Their prehensile tail acts as a prop or anchor when they move through the trees. They often carry it coiled on the end.
- Capuchins are considered the most intelligent of all New World Monkeys.
- Capuchins have been used by organ grinders for years. Now they are also being used to assist quadriplegics

Reproduction:

- Sexual maturity at 4-8 years
- Gestation 6 months
- Single birth
- Females give birth every two years if the infant survives.
- If the infant becomes separated from its mother, another adult will carry it back to its mother.

