



SPOTTED GENET

Kingdom: *Animalia* **Phylum:** *Chordata* **Class:** *Mammalia* **Order:** *Carnivora* **Family:** *Viverrinae*
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Description: Genets are long and lean with a tail usually at least as long as the body. They appear catlike, except for their longer faces and have a dark spotted or marbling pattern over a cream to buff colored background.

Length: 19-24 inches

Weight: 3-7 pounds

Habitat: Forests

Distribution: Europe and Africa

Diet: Fruits, small rodents, birds, reptiles, and invertebrates.

Life Span: 13 years

Status: Stable

Special Characteristics:

- They are extremely flexible and can get into small spaces.
- Solitary animals
- Nocturnal
- Excellent climbers
- They are stealth hunters
- They have a mane on their backs that stands erect when they are frightened. They also excrete a musky odor when frightened.

Reproduction:

- Gestation is 10-11 weeks
- Litter is 1-3 kittens
- Kits are born blind and helpless
- Weaned at 8 weeks

