



WORLD'S

CUTEST ANIMALS



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(ANIMALS WITH A ★ NEXT TO THEIR NAME ARE EITHER ENDANGERED OR NEARLY ENDANGERED.)

ADORABILIS

Local to North America

These deep-sea octopi are so cute, a scientist called the species Adorabilis when she discovered it. See the two “ears” at the top of its head? Those are actually fins, and they have small webbed limbs for swimming, too.



HIGHLAND COW

Local to Europe

How do these cows keep their hair out of their faces? [They don't!] Highland cows have double-layered coats for extra warmth and still manage to look good. These fashionistas definitely win the award for world's most luscious locks.



AARDWOLF

Local to Africa

The aardwolf's name means "earth wolf" in Afrikaans, a language spoken in Southern Africa. They mostly eat termites. With sticky tongues and peg-like teeth, they have the perfect tools to munch on insects!



FENNEC FOX

Local to Africa

Fennec foxes are specially adapted for the desert. Their big, batty ears can grow up to half their size and release heat to keep their bodies cool. They also have extra-hairy feet to protect them from the hot sand.



QUOKKA★

Local to Australia

Quokkas are about the size of cats and hop like kangaroos. They burrow underground for quick naps. Don't expect to win a game of hide-and-seek with a quokka . . . you might be seeking for a while!



AUTHOR'S NOTE

Every animal in this book with a ★ next to its name is either endangered or vulnerable to becoming endangered. This means their numbers are decreasing, mostly due to pollution, habitat loss, overhunting and overfishing, or climate change. All of these environmental problems have been caused by humans.

But there are ways you can help. Visit the websites below to learn more about how you can get involved.

WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

worldwildlife.org

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

nrdc.org

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

wcs.org

RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK

ran.org

NATURE CONSERVANCY

nature.org