



ALL ABOUT **SOUTH AMERICAN** **CAPYBARAS**



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The capybara (cap-EE-bear-Ah) is the largest rodent on Earth. They spend most of their time near rivers, lakes, and ponds across South America. People call them “water pigs.”



Capybaras are relatives of guinea pigs, rats, and beavers. They are fat like pigs. They weigh as much as a big St. Bernard dog.





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