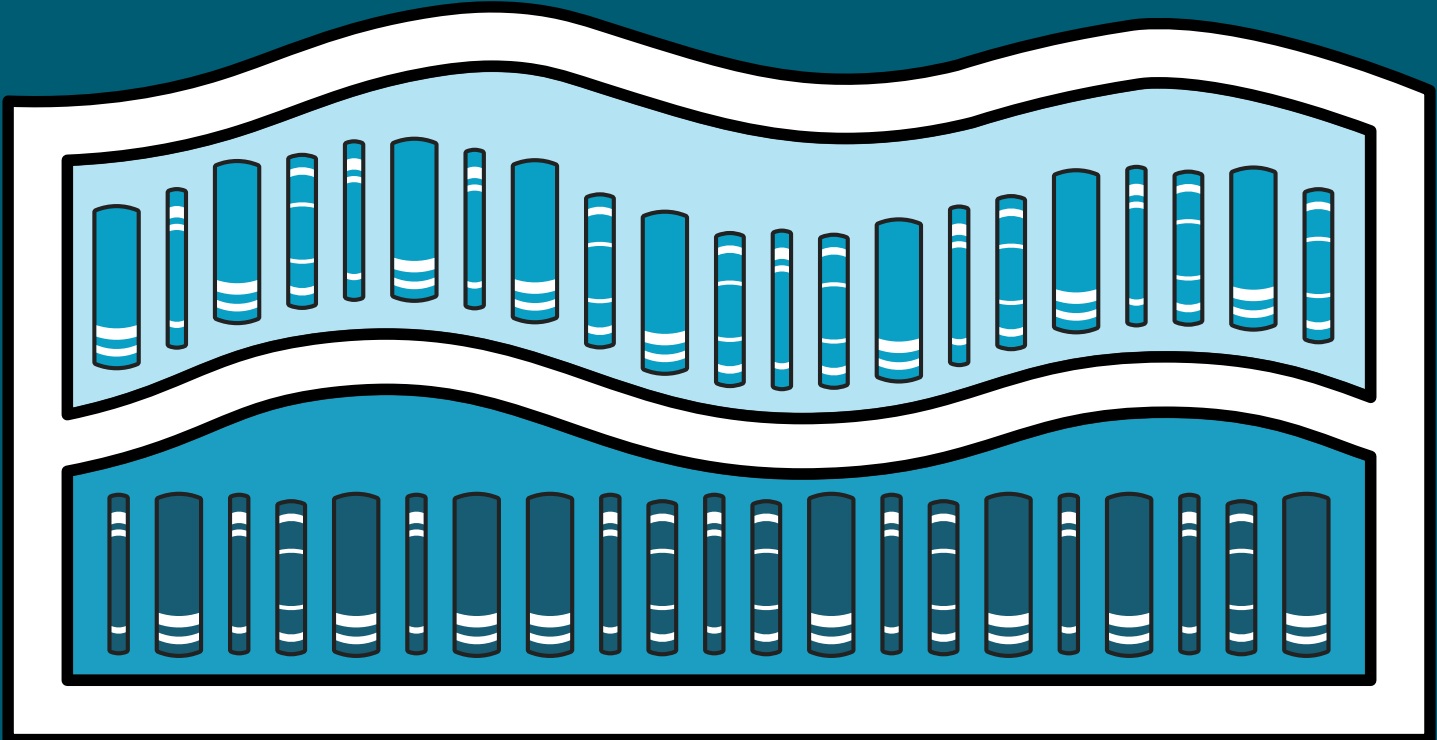




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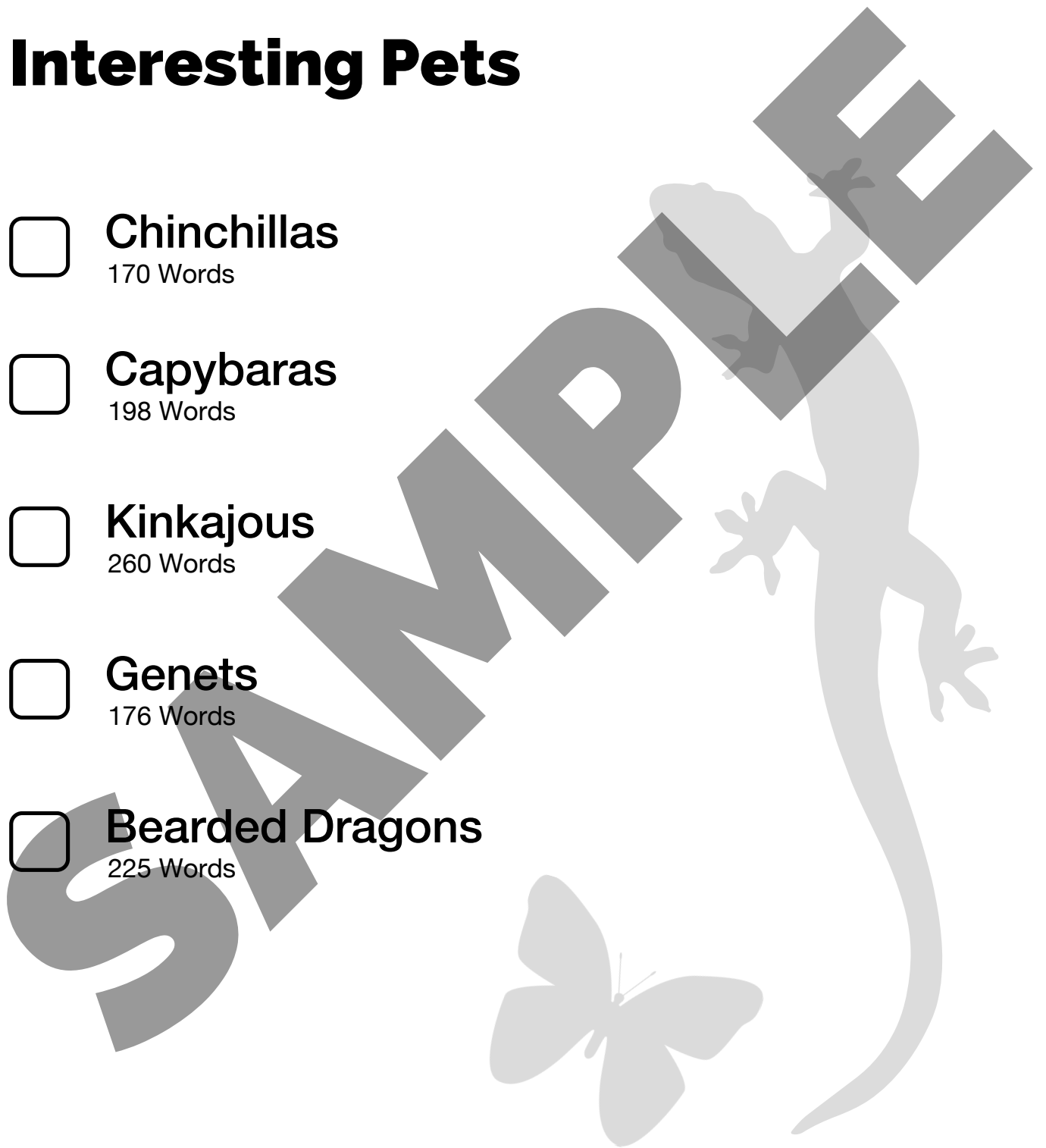
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# Chinchillas

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People love to have chinchillas as pets because they are extremely soft. Their fur is thick and feels like velvet. It's fur can be up to 80 times as dense as other mammals! Unfortunately, because chinchilla fur is so soft to touch, many people try to use chinchilla fur to make clothing and blankets. Chinchilla fur also comes in many different colors, which makes it even more desirable.

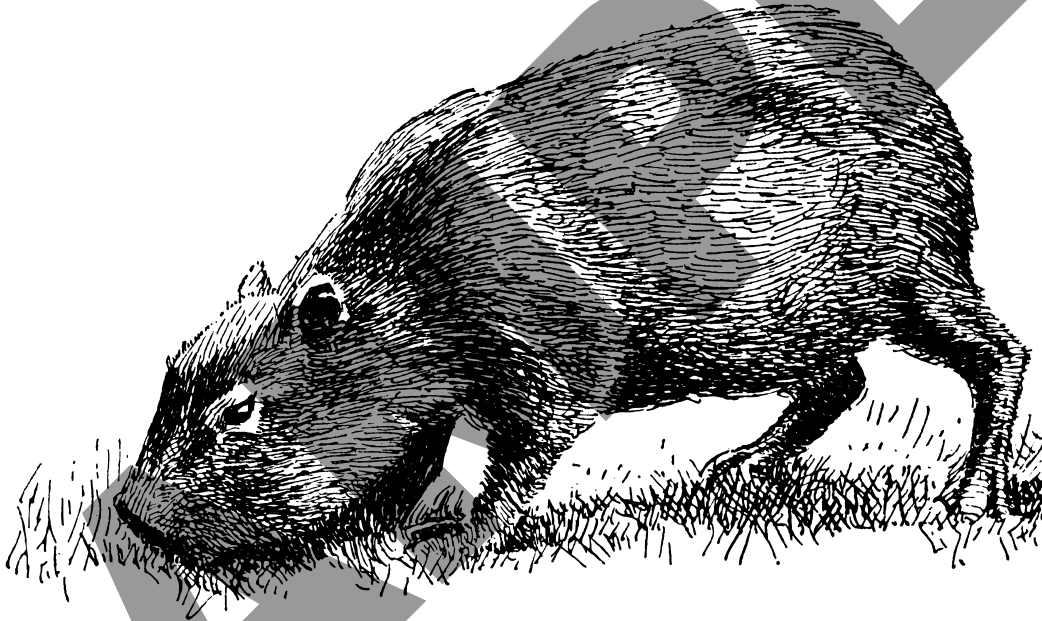


Chinchillas have a long life span and can live up to 20 years! The chinchilla is therefore a great pet to have if you are looking for an animal that sticks around for awhile. Chinchillas can sometimes be difficult to own, however. They are delicate, so you have to be careful while holding them. When chinchillas are frustrated or stressed, they sometimes throw their own poop. So if you plan on owning a chinchilla, be careful!

# Capybaras

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In the United States, many people like to have capybaras as pets. A capybara is a large rodent from Central and South America. It stands two feet tall and is covered in stringy brown hair. Its face is very unique. Its nostrils are located on top of its head! Capybaras often live in riverbanks and ponds. The location of their nostrils allows them to breathe in air by sticking the top of their heads out of the water. Their eyes and ears are also on top of their heads, which makes it easy for them to know what's happening in their surroundings.



If capybaras are threatened by predators, they can hide underwater. In fact, they can stay underwater for five minutes! Capybaras eat water plants. With their long rodent teeth, these animals eat the underwater grasses throughout the day. Can you guess how many pounds of grass a capybara can eat per day? They can eat up to 8 pounds!



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