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**Eurasian Lynx**

**Sticky Note 1:**

**Eurasian Lynx is the third largest predator in Europe after the brown bear and the wolf!**

**Appearance:** Its fur has a usual ground color of a yellowish-grey to greyish-brown, with white underparts. There is a distinct ruff of long hairs framing the face.

**Habitat:** The Eurasian lynx is one of the **widest ranging cats in the world** and can be found in the forests of western **Europe**, **Russia** and **central Asia**.

**Movement:** The Eurasian lynx stalks its prey from the cover of thick vegetation. It then pounces on its unsuspecting lunch, delivering a fatal bite to the neck or snout.

**Diet:** These incredible cats are strict carnivores, feeding mostly on ungulates such as deer.

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**Sticky Note 2:**

**Its coat is patterned, almost always with dark spots!**

**Reproduction:** Mating occurs in late winter and early spring in most areas, usually February and March. One to four, usually 2-3, kittens are born after a gestation period of 67-74 days.

**Social Structures:** The Eurasian lynx is mainly nocturnal, and spends the day sleeping in dense thickets or other places of concealment. Eurasian Lynx are solitary except for mothers with kittens.

**Communication:** The Eurasian lynx can be considered quite a secretive creature. The sounds it makes are very low and often not heard, and their presence in an area can go unnoticed for years!

**Survival Skills:** Escalating deforestation, persecution as stock killers, and illegal poaching remain major threats to their future. They are heavily trapped for the fur trade across their range.

Eurasian Lynx are quick to rebound if hunting pressures are lessened, and protected areas with good prey bases are set aside.

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