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1) Colocolo:

**Description**

The Colocolo is a small long-haired cat from Chile. The body is gray with brown stripes broken up into spots. These cats have fairly large pointed ears and a long bushy tail with dark bands. The Pampas Cat (Leopardus pajeros) used to be considered the same species as the Colocolo.

**Other Names**

Oncifelis colocolo

**Size**

Head and body length: 43cm - 70cm (average 57cm). Tail length: 22cm - 32cm. Weight: 3kg - 7kg (average 5kg).

**Habitat**

Open woodland, scrub thicket, forest, semi-arid desert regions, floodplains, mountain slopes.

**Food**

The Colocolo feeds on small mammals and ground birds and eggs. Will take poultry in areas of human settlement.

**Breeding**

Gives birth to a litter of one to three kittens after a gestation of 80 to 85 days.

**Range**

Chile

**Conservation Status**

The conservation status in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Animals is "near threatened".

**Classification**

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| Class: | Mammalia |
| Order: | Carnivora |
| Family: | Felidae |
| Genus: | Leopardus |
| Species: | colocolo |

**INTRODUCTION (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Felidae)**

**“Felidae** is the [biological](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biology) family of the **cats**; a member of this family is called a **felid**. The most familiar felid is the domestic [cat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cat), which first became associated with humans about 10,000 years ago; but the family includes all other wild cats, including the [big cats](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_cat).

Extant felids belong to one of two subfamilies: [Pantherinae](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantherinae) (which includes the [tiger](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiger), the [lion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lion), the [jaguar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaguar), and the [leopard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leopard)), and [Felinae](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Felinae) (which includes the [cougar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cougar), the [cheetah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cheetah), the [lynxes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lynx), the [ocelot](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocelot), and the domestic cat).

Felids are the strictest [carnivores](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carnivore) of the 13 terrestrial families in the [order](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_(biology)) [Carnivora](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carnivora), although the three families of marine mammals comprising the superfamily [Pinnipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinniped) are as carnivorous as the felids.”

Feline, or *felidae*, is the biological family of the cats; a member of this family is called a *felid*. The most familiar felid is the domestic cat. Felids are divided into two subfamilies: *pantherinae*—which includes the tiger, the lion, the jaguar, and the leopard— and *felinae*—which includes the cougar, the cheetah, the lynx, the ocelot, and the domestic cat. Of all the terrestrial families in the order *carnivora*, the felids are the strictest carnivores.