

# Ashleigh

Chinchilla

*Chinchilla lanigera*



Chinchillas are rodents native to the Andes Mountains of South America. They live in family groups of up to 100 individuals which comes in handy when watching out for predators. Predators in the wild include birds of prey, skunks, felines, snakes and canines. Chinchillas have several defence tactics. One tactic is called a fur slip. A frightened chinchilla can release a patch of fur to help it escape the grasp of a predator. The hair will grow back and it does not harm the chinchilla. Chinchillas can also spray their urine (pee) - yuck!



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