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## Cheetah Daily Habits and Behaviors

Cheetahs are fascinating animals known for their speed and unique habits. They are mainly diurnal, which means they are active during the day. Cheetahs prefer to hunt early in the morning or late in the afternoon when it is cooler. This helps them avoid the heat of midday while still being able to see their prey clearly.

Cheetahs are generally solitary animals, meaning they prefer to live alone. However, there are some exceptions. For example, mothers live with their cubs until they are old enough to hunt on their own. Male cheetahs sometimes form small groups called coalitions, often made up of brothers from the same litter. These coalitions help them protect territory and hunt more effectively.

Cheetahs communicate using body language and vocal sounds. They purr, chirp, and growl to express different feelings and warnings. For example, a mother cheetah may chirp to call her cubs back to her.

When resting, cheetahs often seek out shady spots under trees or tall grass to stay hidden from other predators. Since they are not the strongest big cats, cheetahs avoid fights and usually give up their kills if challenged by stronger animals like lions or hyenas.

Understanding a cheetah's habits and behaviors helps us learn how they survive in the wild and why they need protection.