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Does a Capybara Form Relationships with Other Species?

Short Answer Key

1. A mutualistic relationship is when both species benefit. An example is birds eating ticks from capybaras' fur.
2. Birds perch on capybaras to eat ticks and other parasites, which provides food for the birds and keeps the capybaras clean.
3. Capybaras avoid predators by staying in groups and sounding alarms to warn each other.
4. A commensal relationship is when one species benefits while the other is not harmed. Frogs sitting on capybaras' backs is an example.
5. Capybaras benefit their ecosystem by providing food for predators and helping other animals, like birds, through mutualistic relationships.

