**Bobcats**

**NATURAL HISTORY**

Bobcats are members of the feline family. Their habitat range covers the entire continental United States. They inhabit places with dense vegetation and plenty of prey. However, as their natural habitats shrink, they are increasingly common in urban areas. Bobcats live in dens, which can be in a tree trunk, cave, brush pile or fallen tree. Bobcats are carnivores, meaning they eat only meat. Their preferred food is rabbit, but they will also eat rodents, insects, snakes, birds and even deer! The bobcat sneaks up on its prey before ambushing it with a lethal bite. Bobcats are crepuscular - meaning they are most active during dawn and dusk.

**Breeding Season & Litter**

Bobcats breed from February through March. They are considered polygamous and do not form lasting bonds. The kittens are born after a 62-day gestation period in April or May. Females produce one litter per year consisting of 1 - 4 kittens.

**Tips on avoiding Interactions**

**Do not feed wildlife!** This increases the chances that the animal will lose its natural fear of humans.

**Do not leave small pets outside unattended.** Left outside at night, small pets may become prey for bobcats. Properly secure domestic birds to reduce their risk of becoming prey.

**Do not move "abandoned" baby bobcats!** Bobcat mothers leave their babies alone while they hunt for food. Baby bobcats found alone are typically not orphaned.

**Keep your dogs on a leash!** When out on a walk, keep your pets leashed to greatly reduce the chance of a negative wildlife encounter.

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