

# Common Marmoset

*Callithrix jacchus*



**Country of Origin:** Brazil

**Habitat:** Humid forests and scrub forests

**Size:** Head/Body length 15.8cm - 20.7cm

**Weight:** 450g

**Life Expectancy:** 12 years

**Diet:** Marmosets use specially adapted teeth and nails to gouge holes in tree trunks to eat gum and tree sap. They also eat fruit, insects and small animal prey.

**Lifestyle:** Live in mixed sex family groups with 9 - 20 individuals. They spend most of their time in the trees (arboreal).

**Rescue Information:** Common marmosets are not endangered, but are regularly bred in the UK for the legal pet trade. Monkey World has rescued over 50 common marmosets from life as pets in the UK. Pet marmosets are often kept alone in cramped, dirty cages in people's living rooms, but desperately need company of their own kind, as well as indoor and outdoor space to climb and forage for food.