



# AXOLOTL

(*Ambystoma mexicanum*)

## ANIMAL FACTS

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### WILD LOCALITY:

Mexico (only found in the Xochimilco River Canal in Mexico City)

### HABITAT:

Cool Freshwater Wetlands

### LIFESTYLE:

Strictly Aquatic (under water)

### DIET:

Worms, Insect Larva, Insects, Other Amphibians, & Fish (carnivore)

### LIFE EXPECTANCY:

15-25 years in the care of humans (less in the wild)

### ADULT SIZE:

8-14" & 150-230g

### ACTIVITY:

Cathemeral (active in the day & night)

### CONSERVATION STATUS:

Critically Endangered & Decreasing

### THREATS:

Pollution, Habitat Loss, Invasive Species, & Climate Change

### FUN FACTS:

Axolotls are incredible amphibians who, instead of morphing into their final adult form as most other amphibians do, remain in a state of never growing up! They remain fully aquatic and spend their entire lives underwater, breathing with beautiful, feather-like external gills. Axolotls are amazing for so many reasons, especially for their ability to regenerate any & all body parts if needed, & have been shown to regrow their limbs, tails, gills, & internal organs (even their brains!!)