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Axolotl – Forever Young



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Introduction

This is an axolotl, a Mexican salamander. His name comes from the Aztec **god**, Xolotl, who could turn into a salamander. The axolotls are famous because they always look like babies. Unfortunately, they are a **critically endangered** species because they are very special animals that can do things other animals can't. For example, they can **regenerate limbs**, heart, spinal cord and parts of its brain.

Physical traits

They can be 30 cm long but are usually shorter. In their natural habitat they are brown and black, but in **captivity** they are an **albino** and **white mutation**. They have **lungs** that allow them to breathe through their **skin**.

Lifestyle and diet

Axolotls are solitary creatures. Females take care of the eggs alone. They eat little **mollusk**, insects eggs and small fishes by sucking them in like a **vacuum**. They only need to feed 2 to 4 times a week in their **adulthood** and they usually feed at night. Their natural predators include birds and fishes.