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## **General Comment**

Rhesus macaques are native in northern India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Burma, Nepal, Thailand, Vietnam, Afghanistan, southern China, and several neighboring areas. Averaging about 5.3 kg with a life span of around 30 years, Rhesus macaques are social, diurnal and both terrestrial and arboreal animals. They walk using four limbs, walking on the ground on both on their toes and on the soles of their feet. They are very active and loud. They like being in water and can swim well. They form groups of as many as 200 individuals, and when the size of a group reaches 80 to 100, a subgroup of females can split off to create a new group. Generally groups are made up of several unrelated males, with many closely related females. Males and females within a group demonstrate a preference for high-ranking individuals of the opposite sex. Rhesus monkeys are not territorial. Every group of individuals generally has its own sleeping area. Confrontations between different groups are rare. When groups meet, usually the weaker group avoids the stronger one. Rhesus macaques are herbivores animals, eating seeds, roots, bark, fruits and cereals. They do not eat meat. When the monsoon approaches, ripe fruits provide them with a much-needed source for water. When rhesus macaques live far from a water source, which is not common, they get water from dewdrops off tree leaves.

## FUN FACTS FOR KIDS..

The name "rhesus" is from the Greek "Rhesos," who was the King of Thrace who gave assistance to Priam at Troy. Audebert, who used the name for the species, declared that the word had no meaning.

Rhesus macaques are very mischievous. They have been known to overrun villages in India stealing food by breaking into home and jumping off buildings to swim in water.

Rhesus macaques enjoy swimming and are good at it.

When rhesus monkeys find food they let others know by using specific calls.

These monkeys are used a lot for research and are especially useful in the areas of biology, medicine, and psychology.