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Meet a capybara family

After a day of swimming, the capybara family is tired.

The little ones, called pups, are only a few weeks old.



Soon they will climb on their mother's back and ride to a grassy area.

There the capybara family will take a nap.

A photograph of a capybara mother and her young in a body of water. The mother capybara is in the center, facing forward, with a yellow callout bubble pointing to her back. The bubble contains the text "capybara mother". To the left, a smaller capybara (the young) is partially visible, also in the water. The background is a sandy or muddy bank.

**capybara
mother**

All about capybaras

A capybara is a kind of **rodent**.

Some rodents, such as mice and squirrels, are small.

Capybaras, however, are the biggest rodents in the world.

An adult capybara is about the size of a Labrador retriever.

Adult capybara size





**adult
capybara**

**baby
capybara**

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Although capybara babies start out small, it doesn't take long for them to grow to be as big as Labrador retrievers! After all, these furry animals are the largest rodents in the world. Even though capybara pups grow quickly, they still need a lot of help from their mother. Look inside to find out what these jungle babies need to learn to become grown-up capybaras.

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