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Kinkajous live in the tropical forests of Central and South America, where they spend most of their time in the trees. They are able to turn their feet backwards to run easily in either direction along branches or up and down trunks. The Kinkajou also has a prehensile (gripping) tail that it uses much like another arm. Kinkajous often hang from this incredible tail, which also aids their balance and serves as a cozy blanket while the animal sleeps high in the canopy.

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More Information

At the end of the day kinkajous are wild animals- no matter how tame they are. They should not be treated like a human or your child or they will treat you like another kinkajou including fighting with you over territory, food or to establish dominance. Even spayed/neutered kinks will do this. Although they do require a lot of time and exceptional care, they cannot be treated as an equal, and must know their boundaries. Simple things like teaching a baby not to play bite, or always having them eat INSIDE their cage are beneficial to good behaviors. A kinkajou can live for up to 25 years, a good foundation and care will establish a long and healthy life for your kinkajou and an enjoyable one for both of you.

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