

# ANDEAN MOUNTAIN CAT

“gato andino”

(*Oreailurus jacobita*)

Using a long, thick tail for warmth and balance, the elusive, solitary ANDEAN MOUNTAIN CAT easily maneuvers around rocky deserts high in the Andes of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Peru in South America. Active both day and night and weighing only 7 - 15 pounds (3-7 kg), this wildcat feeds on large rodents such as mountain chinchillas and viscachas.



The *Andean Cat Alliance* and *Small Cat Conservation Alliance* use camera-trapping and DNA scat (fecal) analysis to confirm the cat's presence, radio-telemetry to understand home ranges, and scat analysis to determine prey preference. Education programs for the Andean mountain cat's human neighbors help foster positive relations and reduce persecution. You can help save this wildcat by donating to these conservation organizations.