

# Axolotl

Did you know?

## Mexican Walking Fish O.

The quirky looking Axolotl is also known as the Mexican Walking Fish, and is a neotenic salamander related to the tiger salamander.

#### They are Amphibian O

Although they are known as a 'fish', they are actually an amphibian and are found in the lakes and canals of Xochimilco, Mexico.

#### Furry looking Fish O

The furry looking branches on the sides of their heads are not hairstyles but are their gills and filaments which help them to breathe underwater.

### What do they Eat? O

Axolotls live on a diet of small fish, worms, and anything they can find on the lakebed which looks delicious and can fit in their mouth.

#### Pet Friendly O

White Axolotl are popular as pets but do not occur naturally in the wild. They were all bred from the same single Axolotl which was born with the color deformity and then kept as a pet!

**More Interesting Facts O** 

Axolotl are being pushed closer and closer to extinction due to habitat loss, pollution, and the introduction of invasive fish species such as carp and tilapia who love eating axolotls for dinner!

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MEXICO

The Axolotl is found here!