



Chapter one

SNOW LEOPARDS

Snow leopards live in the Himalayan Mountains. These are the highest mountains in the world. They're in Asia.

Snow leopards love the mountain life. They can be found at 14,000 feet (4,267 meters) above sea level. They're the highest-living cats. They are made for living in the mountains. They have thick coats. They have furry tails and paws. Their paws work like snowshoes. They use their tails as scarves.

Their thick fur is white, yellow, or gray. They have ringed spots of black on brown. They **camouflage**. They hide.



Snow leopards are the top predators in the Himalayas.

They blend into their surroundings. They pretend to be rocks. Their spots blend in with the rocky background. Their light fur blends in with the snow.