



**Kodiak Bear**

*Ursus arctos middendorffi*

**Geographical Range:** These large brown bear live exclusively on the islands in the Kodiak Archipelago off the coast of Alaska.

**Habitat:** They enjoy the open tundra, alpine meadows and coastlines.

**Exhibit Location:** In the bear grotto.

**Physical Characteristics:** Their coat is usually a rich golden brown but there can be color variations. The coat consists of a thick undercoat of fur with longer guard hairs covering the entire body. The head of the Kodiak is extremely large, broad and full at the base of the skull. It has a dished face, wide snout and powerful jaws. The Kodiak's legs are short and stout. It possesses curved, strong claws.

**Diet:** In the wild, Kodiak's enjoy plants, grasses, berries, roots, bulbs and nuts. They also indulge in spawning Pacific salmon and other fish. In captivity they are fed fruits, vegetables, bear biscuits and fish.

**Did you know?**

This is the largest land carnivore in the world, reaching standing heights of up to 8 feet and weighing as much as 1500 pounds. They have excellent hearing, good eye sight and an acute sense of smell.

**Status:** Stable. Predators are other bears and man.