

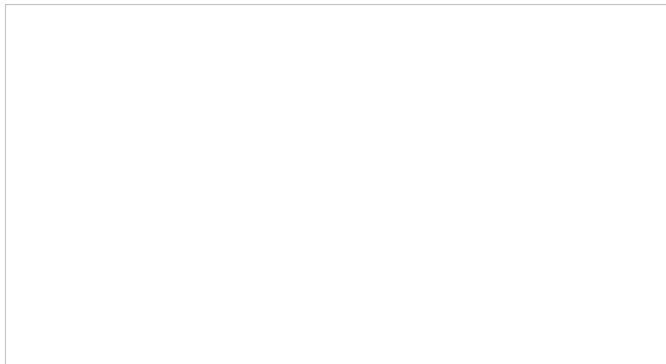


New Species of 'Cat fox'



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A new species of '**cat-fox**' has been found in remote areas of the **French island of Corsica**.



- The cats are bigger than a typical house cat, and have large, ringed tails and "highly developed" canine teeth. **Because of their appearance**, they are known locally as **chat-renard**, or "**cat-fox**".
- It is different from the **European wildcat, Felis silvestris silvestris**.
The DNA report confirms it is close to the **African forest cat, Felis silvestris lybica**, but its exact identity is still to be determined.