**Description:**
The miniature zebu is also known as the Nadudana zebu. The name “zebu” is derived from the Tibetan word “ceba,” which means “hump.” They are a very old breed of cattle, possibly dating as far back as 3000 B.C. They have a large hump on the back (rhomboid muscle) and come in shades of gray, white and black. The bulls are usually darker than the cows and tend to be smaller. They are black over the hump and front shoulders. As they get older, their coat darkens. It may also darken during the winter months. Females tend to be a lighter shade and eventually become white with age. All zebras have horns that are set high and pointing up or back. They have lopped ears and a large dewlap.

**Size:**
They do not exceed 42 inches at the withers. Mature cows weigh 400 to 500 pounds and mature bulls weigh 500 to 600 pounds.

**Life Span:**
They live about 20 to 25 years.

**Diet:**
They eat hay and grain.

**Geographic Range:**
The miniature zebu originated in Sri Lanka.
Habitat: They are adapted to tropical and sub-tropical conditions.

Reproduction: Zebu calves are born red or reddish-brown, changing to gray as they mature. If they are born white or light gray, they will have red on the top of their heads and usually down the ridge of their back and rump area. Even in newborns, the hump is visible.

Special Adaptations: Miniature zebus are resistant to high temperatures and immune to many tropical diseases.

Where am I in the Zoo: The miniature zebus are located in the Children’s Zoo.