

# Greater kudu ... a spiral-horned stunner!

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## MEASUREMENTS

**Length:** 6-8 feet

**Height:** 4-5 feet  
at shoulder

**Weight:** 250-600 lbs



Wooded savanna



Africa

IUCN  
LEAST  
CONCERN

<350,000  
in the wild

## Why exhibit greater kudu?

- Inspire awe in your visitors! Male greater kudu are among the most majestic antelope on earth, with dramatic spiralling horns (the longest of any ungulate), large ears, and distinguished fringes. Consider a bachelor herd for extra impact!
- Add dramatic flair to existing savanna or woodland exhibits: this species mixes readily with many species of ungulates and birds.
- Increase your success with flightier ungulates: greater kudu tend to be calm and unreactive, providing relaxed cues for more fractious hoofstock that share their exhibit.
- Highlight this high-jumping species (they can leap over 8 feet) in an interactive "How High Can You Jump?" comparative challenge for visitors.
- Connect with local Scout troops: traditional African bugles made from kudu horns are a symbol of Scouting leadership.

## Stewardship Opportunities

Northern Rangelands Trust (Kenya)

<http://www.nrt-kenya.org/>

## Care and Husbandry

**YELLOW SSP:** 81.181 (262) in 28 AZA (+9 non-AZA) institutions (2019)

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**Social nature:** Gregarious, usually with a single male and multiple (2-20) females. A breeding male can often be group-housed with females in large stalls. Bachelor herds (with 2-8 males) have been successful.

**Mixed species:** Mix readily with many ungulates, as well as larger birds. Breeding bulls may be aggressive toward other male antelope. Hybridization risk with other spiral-horned antelope.

**Housing:** Heat tolerant if provided with shade. Can be given access at temperatures as low as 40°F, but heated spaces are needed in those situations. Barriers must exceed 8 feet in height.

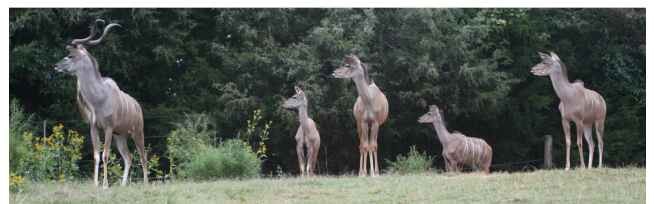
**Medical notes:** Generally robust. Hoof trims may be necessary, especially with soft substrates.

**Special requirements:** Calves need to be monitored closely for nursing; failure of passive immunoglobulin transfer is not uncommon.

**Keeper resources:** Easily trained to recall and shift. Greater kudu tend to be calm and un-reactive antelope, but may be bullied by other species.

Please contact the TAG for full husbandry guidelines.

<http://www.azaungulates.org/>



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