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South African cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus) and her cubs. The cheetah is the single living member of the genus Acinonyx and is considered to be markedly divergent from the two other genera of Felidae (Panthera N = 5 species and Felis N = 32± species). The cheetah as a species appears to have suffered a severe population bottleneck followed by inbreeding in its recent natural history as evidenced by an extreme paucity of biochemical genetic variation in modern populations. See page 459. [Ron Kimball, Wildlife Safari Reserve, Winston, Oregon]