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Capybaras have destroyed lawns, caused traffic jams and even bitten residents' dogs in a community in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Local residents in the district of the country's capital city have complained about the rodents' intrusion. Some have even pointed guns at the capybaras, though they are forbidden from touching or harming them according to wildlife officials in the area, local news outlet reported.

Adult capybaras can grow up to 3.2 feet in length, stand over 24 inches tall, and some can weigh up to 132 pounds. "They not only destroy gardens, but their excrement has also become a problem," one local man told the Gazette.

Some in the country are celebrating the capybaras, referred to as carpinchos in invading the wealthy, gated community that sits on the wetlands of the Paraná, one of the world's largest rivers.

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