

MEERKAT

Set 1



Scientific Name: *Suricata suricatta*
Common Name: Meerkat



Meerkats are small animals that live in groups in Africa. They are known for standing tall on their back legs to look around.

Appearance

Meerkats have grey-brown fur with dark stripes and black patches around their eyes like sunglasses. They have long claws for digging and a pointed nose.

Habitat

Meerkats live in dry places and make deep burrows underground. Burrows keep them cool in hot weather and warm in cold weather.



Food

Meerkats eat insects, scorpions, small animals, and some plant matter. They can eat some venomous creatures safely.

Predators

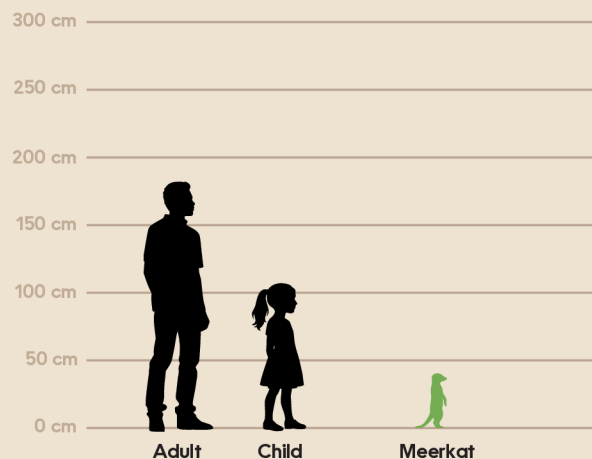
Hawks, eagles, wild cats and snakes try to catch meerkats. One meerkat stands guard and calls out if danger is coming.

Behaviour

Meerkats live in big families. They help look after the babies and teach them how to find food. When scared, they puff up, hiss and try to look bigger.

Meerkats are clever, caring animals that stay safe by working together as a family.

HOW BIG ARE THEY?



DID YOU KNOW?

- Meerkats can work together to fight a snake.
- Their eyes close with a special membrane when digging.
- Meerkats love to lay in the sun on their backs.



Gifted and Talented Teacher

