

A meerkat guide

Meerkats are small animals that are very, very quick and curious. They are brown and furry with stripes on their lower backs. They have protective skin on their eyes and ears to protect them from sand. They also have black skin to keep them warm because black absorbs heat and allows them to warm up quickly.

They live in Africa in the grasslands. Their habitat is stony and they have underground burrows and they dig big holes and tunnels. They seek the sun for warmth.

The meerkat lives in a “mob”. There are many different types of meerkat but the main 2 are huskies and beagles. When another mob approaches, they raise their tails to show the sign of danger or if they are near their burrows, they burrow into it. They are very quick and stealthy.

Meerkats eat meal worms in the zoo and in the wild they eat small insects. When they are scavenging for food they have one meerkat on look out on either a big rock or on log. When the lookout sees danger the meerkat makes a noise to show the danger is coming and the mob runs to the nearest burrow or hole.

In the zoo they have 14 meerkats. They have microchips in them so the keepers can scan them and it tells them exactly which is which.

In the zoo the keepers have noticed that the meerkats are scared of helicopters. This maybe because they are noisy and fly high looking like a predator.

