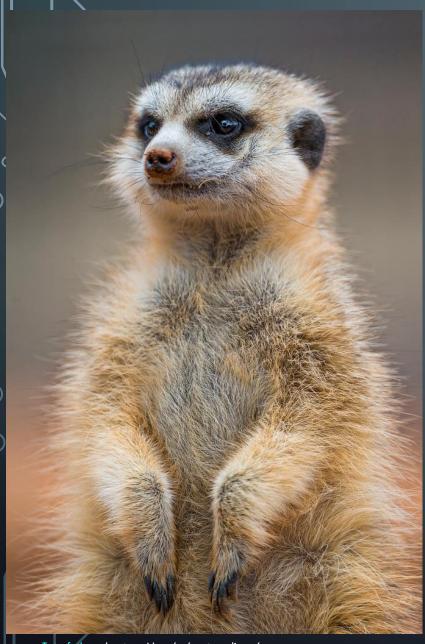


# MEERKAT



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Continent: Africa Class: mammals Order: carnivores Family: mongooses

#### Size:

body length: 25 - 35 cm tail lenght: 18 - 25 cm weight: 600 - 1000 g

Number of descendants: 2 - 5

#### Max age:

in nature: 5 - 6 years

in captivity: 9 - 14 years





#### WHERE DO THEY LIVE ? — 1.

- They live in South Africa in desert Kalahari.
- Kalahari desert is a very hot and beautiful place on earth.



- The size of the Kalahari desert is 930 000 km<sup>2</sup>.
- In summer there are temperatures above 49 °C, but on winter nights the temperature drops to -12 °C and it's freezing.





#### WHERE DO THEY LIVE – 2.



- They live in holes, which they dig in the sand.
- They also live in captivity in zoo, even in Brno.

## DO THEY HAVE A FAMILY?

Yes, they have family.
Their family has around 20 members.
And I became one of them, because I adopted one meerkat.



### WHAT DO THEY EAT?

- They eat insects, scorpions, spiders, small lizards and poisonous snakes.
- Hunting poisonous snakes isn't dangerous for them because they have antidote in their body.
- In this picture we can see a meerkat hunting a royal cobra.





## INTERESTING THINGS

- Meerkats are actually tough if you look like lunch.
- Meerkats are very intelligent.
- Meerkats don't drink water.
- They have a special communication system.

