

MEERKAT



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

Size:

body length: 25 – 35 cm
tail length: 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 km².
- In summer there are temperatures above 49 °C, but on winter nights the temperature drops to -12 °C and it's freezing.



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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.

ADOPTČNÍ CERTIFIKÁT

Zoo Brno a stanice zájmových činností, příspěvková organizace tímto stvrzuje, že

Dominik Chromek

je od 10. 3. 2021 adoptivním rodičem zvířete:

Surikata

**ZOO
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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.

