

Animal Fact Sheet

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Meerkat

Suricata suricatta

The meerkat is a small, social mongoose native to the arid regions of southern Africa. Known for their upright, sentinel-like posture, meerkats live in large, cooperative groups called mobs or gangs,...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Herpestidae

Habitat: Arid savanna and open desert

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 6-14 years

Weight: 0.62–1 kg

Scientific name: *Suricata suricatta*

Did you know?

- A meerkat mob can have up to 50 members, all working together to protect and raise their young.
- Meerkats have dark patches around their eyes to reduce sun glare, aiding their lookout duties. They are immune to certain types of venom, including s...

What I learned
