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Animal Fact Sheet

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Naked Mole Rat

Heterocephalus glaber

The naked mole rat breaks so many mammalian rules that it is studied less as a rodent than as a biological anomaly. It is eusocial — one of the only mammals to live like ants or bees, in colonies whe…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Heterocephalidae
Habitat: Underground burrows in arid and semi-arid grasslands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20-30 years
Weight: 30-35 grams
Scientific name: Heterocephalus glaber

Did you know?

- Naked mole rats can survive up to 18 minutes without oxygen, far longer than most mammals.
- Naked mole rats are eusocial like ants, with one breeding queen suppressing reproduction in the whole colony. They are effectively cold-blooded, movi…

What I learned

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