

Groundhogs



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WHAT IS A GROUNDHOG?

- A groundhog is a woodchuck.
- They are Considered Rodents.
- Officially known to the marmot family
- *Marmota monax*



HOME SWEET HOME

- Groundhogs range from ...
- North America
- Northern Canada
- Northwest Alaska
- My House

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BURROWS

- Groundhogs' claws are used for digging their homes.
- Homes are usually 2-4 feet deep.
- 2 different types of dens
- Have rooms for specific things
- Try to build dens under wood structures
- They have tunnels connecting their dens.



Hole

Ground

Hole

Entrance / Exit

Food Storage Room

Tunnel

Bed Room

Bathroom

Entrance/ Exit

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Birthing Room

Tunnel

Nursing Room

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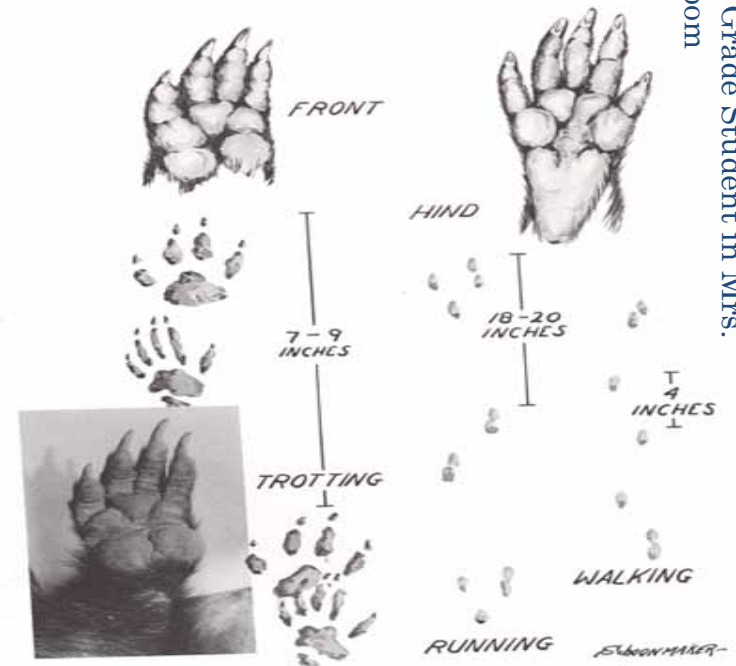
THE GROUNDHOG'S BODY

- They are from 1 ½ to 2 feet long.
- Tail is ¼ of their body length
- Round ears (quite adorable)
- Flat head with pointed snout
- Eyes and nose are black.
- Most of the time fur is brown.
- Long sharp claws .



GROUNDHOG'S TOESIES

- Their hind feet have 5 toes and are from 3 to 3.5 inches long.
- Front have four fingers and an itsy- bitsy thumb
- All fingers and toes have claws



Drawings show the front and hind foot of the woodchuck and his tracks.

PEARLY WHITES

- Surprisingly groundhog's teeth are white.
- One big problem they have is their incisors will grow to big if they don't chew.(fact not an excuse)
- Groundhogs can actually die from this problem



A normal woodchuck skull



Skull with abnormal incisors

OPEN WIDE

- The groundhog's diet consists of...
- Grass, clover , alfalfa , certain tree leaves and certain flowers.
- Lettuce, tomatoes ,cucumbers ,corn, broccoli and carrots .
- Apples, strawberries, cantaloupe and watermelon
- Eggs and bugs.
- Bread



LOUD MOUTH

- When groundhogs are scared they let out a loud whistle.
- A mom protecting her cubs will whistle.
- In the south we call them whistle pigs.
- When fighting groundhogs get really loud!



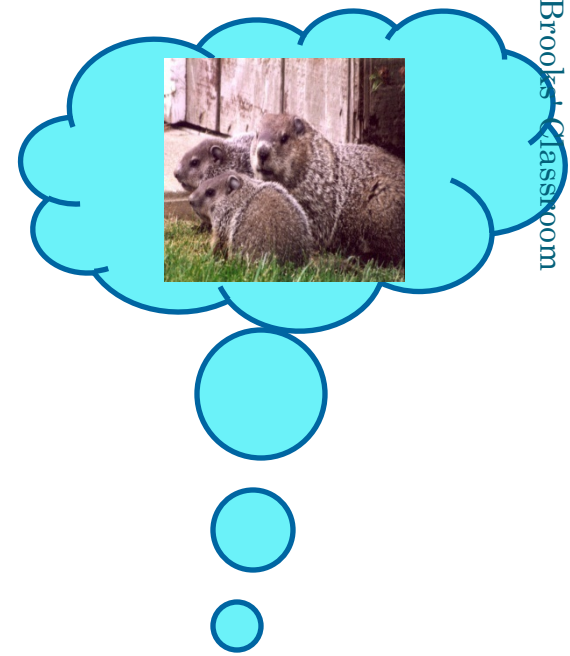
AAAWWW...IT'S A GROUNDHOG

- Groundhog cubs are born in April.
- On average there are 3 -5 cubs.
- They weigh about an ounce.
- They are around 4.25 inches.
- 2 weeks for fur
- 4 weeks they open eyes.
- 5 weeks running around
- 6 weeks being weaned
- The mother will move cubs to different dens and leave it.
- After that no more cubs until next year.

NATURAL ENEMIES

Groundhogs' Enemies are...

- Bears , lynx , cougars , and foxes
- All meat eating animals
- Dogs for sport.
- Humansand
- My Mother



COOL CRITTER FACTS

- Can ground hogs climb trees?
- Surprisingly , yes they can.
- Do ground hogs make good pets?
- You can have a ground hog as a pet.
- I know it's awesome!
- Ground hogs have their own day!



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