

Did you know that meerkats have a high tolerance for snake venom? They are also immune to scorpion venom, which is helpful when you like to eat scorpions and snakes like to eat you.

On Meerkat Duty

Can you find five differences between the two pictures below?



Conservation Action

While meerkats aren't a threatened species, many other African animals are. Next time you are in the African Savannah at Perth Zoo read the signs to find out which species are threatened. Then research how they are being helped in the wild and how you can help too.

Meerkat Mumbo Jumbo

Unjumble the letters to answer these questions.

Meerkats are found in _____.
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Meerkats eat roots from plants and animals like insects, which makes them _____.
(mvisooenr)

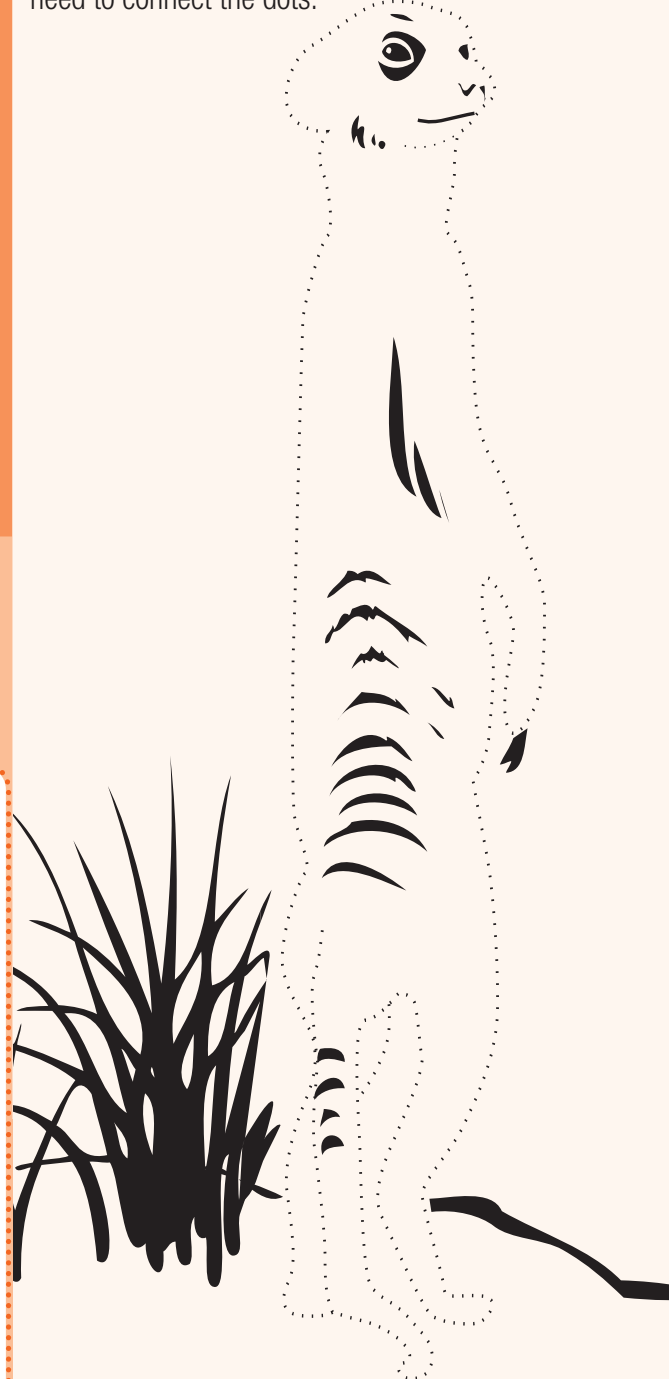
Meerkats sleep and hide from danger in a _____.
(robwru)

One of the meerkat's predators is the _____.
(ckjala)

It is the _____ duty to watch for predators and alert the other meerkats to danger.
(ysstren)

A Dotty Meerkat?

Meerkats have stripes but to finish this picture you need to connect the dots.



Meet a Meerkat

Name

Tilly

Male or female?

Female

Born

2 May 2010

What does she eat?

Mice and a fruit and vegetable mix containing corn, apple, sweet potato, celery and carrot. She also loves to eat insects including cockroaches, crickets and mealworms.

Other

Tilly arrived at Perth Zoo in 2012 from Newquay Zoo in the UK. She joined our group of meerkats as the new breeding female. Tilly gave birth to a litter of four meerkat babies on 27 September 2012 and again on Christmas Day to another four meerkats. Having two litters within months is quite normal for meerkats. She is an excellent mother who is very relaxed, leaving the kits in the safe hands of their father and uncles while she is out foraging for food. Tilly is very affectionate towards her keepers (she even climbs onto the keepers' heads to get a better look-out point).

Brownes Numbat Club Gallery

If you're a Brownes Numbat Club member, we want you to show off your artistic side and send us a drawing of the next animal to be featured in Kidz Biz. We'll choose a first, second and third place winner with the first place winner featured in Kidz Biz and runner-ups on our website at perthzoo.com.au/kidzbiz and on our Facebook page.

Congratulations to Zahlia Boyd-Ratcliff for her drawing of a meerkat. She won an Ele Art spray painting. In second place was Harrison de Vos and in third place was Elouise Syers.

Next issue we will feature the Asian Elephant and three lucky winners will receive a Perth Mint Rocket Frog \$1 coin as part of the Mint's Young Collectors series. Send your drawing, either by mail to PO Box 489, South Perth 6951 or email to newspaws@perthzoo.wa.gov.au, by 19 April 2013. Include your name, phone number and Brownes Numbat Club membership number. Prizes can only be collected from Perth Zoo and will not be posted. Terms and conditions on our website.

Kidz Biz Summer Edition Winner:
Zahlia Boyd-Ratcliff (11)



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Slender-tailed Meerkat

Suricata suricatta



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