

Groundhog Facts

Groundhogs are also called Woodchucks or Whistle Pigs.

They are called Whistle Pigs because they “whistle” when alarmed.



Members of the squirrel family, they are 20-27 inches long and weigh about 6-10 pounds.

Their teeth never stop growing and they gnaw on food and sticks, and even gnash their teeth together to file their teeth down.

Groundhogs are herbivores, or plant eaters, eating grass, clover, dandelions, leaves and alfalfa.

The females have 3-5 babies, called pups.

Groundhogs live about 6 years and live in North America.

They make long burrows underground for homes made up of different rooms lined with grass. Some burrows can be 45 feet long.

Groundhogs go into their burrows for winter hibernation in October and stay until about February, depending on the weather.

Their enemies are coyotes, foxes, eagles, hawks, dogs and cars.



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