

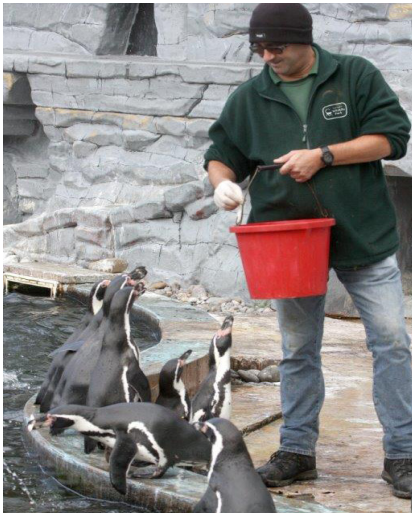
Curraghs
**Wildlife
Park**

Call of the Wild

Issue One

Calling all children at home!
Are you missing trips to the Wildlife Park with your school or family? We are missing you too, so here's "Call of the Wild" - a weekly newsletter to keep you up to date with news, and tell you some cool stuff about the animals! Watch out for some activities to keep you busy too. And we'd love to hear from you!

Busy time for keepers



Keepers are still here every single day to care for the animals. Here's Bernie making sure that all the penguins get their fish! Some of the animals are definitely missing the visitors so their keepers will have to give them plenty of attention - and maybe some things to play with.

Meerkat News



Our meerkat family increased in size this February, when babies (called pups) were born. They are out and about now, enjoying the spring sunshine - it's such a pity that visitors can't come and see them! Look carefully at the photograph - can you spot how many pups there are? And how many meerkats in total there are? The pups are very cheeky, and they fight the adults for the best bits of food!

Puzzled lemurs ...



It's hard to explain to lemurs why the Wildlife Park is so quiet, and why no one is walking through the walk-through lemur enclosure! They are quite enjoying having the lemur warden's empty chair as a climbing frame, however!

Whose dinner?

Which animal will get this for dinner today? The brown squares are a special "cake" made from plants. Clue: as an extra treat this animal likes a few bamboo branches ...



Which animal?
Unscramble the letters to find out!

c l i n a p e
r o a r k a b u k o
l a t a t r u n a



Animal of the Week

Meerkat

Meerkats live in a big family group (called a mob) with aunties and uncles to help raise the youngsters. There's lots of squabbling, but they all look out for each other. There's usually one meerkat on guard - standing on tiptoe on top of a rock - keeping an eye open for predators such as snakes, hyenas and eagles.

Habitat

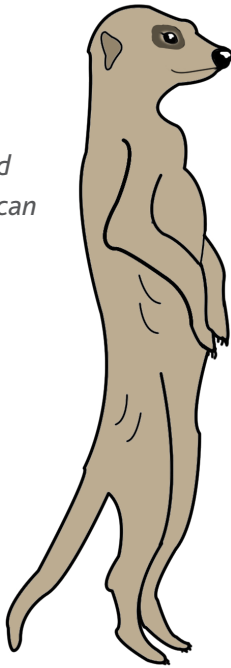
Meerkats come from deserts in southern Africa

Food in the Wild

They mostly eat insects, lizards and scorpions that they dig from the ground

Superpower

They can dig their own weight in sand in less than a minute



small ears keep out the sand

large pointy nose - good sense of smell, nostrils can close when digging

fur colour gives good camouflage

tail helps balance

good long-distance vision, dark eye patches protect from sun

sharp teeth for biting scorpions and other small food animals

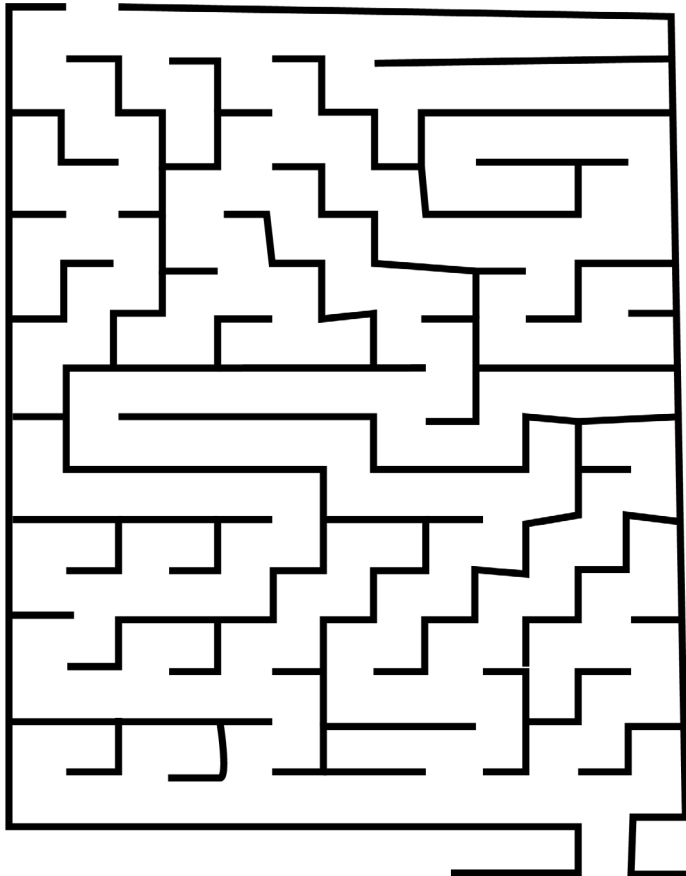
strong claws for digging in the sand

can stand on tiptoe to look out for predators

Pandemonium!



Can you help Kush the red panda find his way home to the Curraghs Wildlife Park?



Wildlife Park

Cut out and keep me

Meerkat



Which animal: pelican, kookaburra, tarantula
There are 3 meerkat pups, so a total of 12
Whose dinner? Kush the panda
answers

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