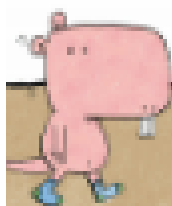


Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About NAKED MOLE RATS!

- Naked mole rats live in East Africa.
- They live in dark underground communities composed of tunnels and chambers.
- They continually dig narrow tunnels with their sharp front teeth in search of food and to avoid snakes, which are their natural predators.
- Their main source of food is the underground roots and tubers of large plants.
- Similar to bees and ants, naked mole rats live in hierarchical colonies with one queen, a select group of mates, soldiers for defense, and lots of workers.
- A typical naked mole rat colony has eighty members. Sometimes a colony can live in an area the size of twenty football fields.
- Mole rats started the trend of being naked. Though they are not often given proper credit.*
- Naked mole rats are generally three inches long and have hardly any hair on their bodies.
- They are the only known cold-blooded mammals.
- Their sharp front teeth are used to dig tunnels. Their teeth can move independently or spread apart.
- Since they live in a dark environment, naked mole rats are nearly blind and usually move through tunnels with their eyes closed.
- Whiskers on their cheeks and tail help guide them through tunnels.
- Naked mole rats can live over twenty-five years – ten times longer than a mouse. This is because they are able to slow down their metabolism when food sources are low.



*Thanks and love.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT:

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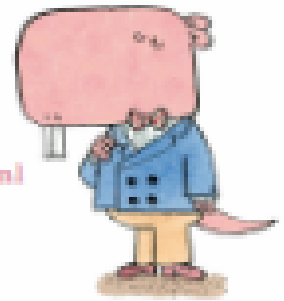
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University of Michigan's Museum of Zoology

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List of U.S. Zoos with Naked Mole Rats

ALABAMA

Birmingham Zoo

ARIZONA

Wildlife World Zoo

ARKANSAS

Little Rock
Zoological Gardens

CALIFORNIA

San Diego Zoo

COLORADO

Pueblo Zoo

FLORIDA

Tampa's Lowry
Park Zoo

Brevard Zoo

Disney's Animal
Kingdom

Jacksonville Zoo
and Gardens

Palm Beach Zoo
at Dreyer Park

GEORGIA

Zoo Atlanta

ILLINOIS

Lincoln Park Zoological
Gardens

Chicago Zoological Park

KENTUCKY

Louisville Zoological
Garden

MISSOURI

Saint Louis
Zoological Park

NEBRASKA

Omaha's Henry
Dorsey Zoo

Lincoln Childrens Zoo
(Pres. Polson)

Riverside Zoo

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque
Biological Park

NEW YORK

Bronx Zoo/Wildlife
Conservation Society

Rosamond Gifford Zoo at
Barnet Park

OHIO

Cincinnati Zoo &
Botanical Garden

Toledo Zoological
Gardens

OREGON

Oregon Zoo

PENNSYLVANIA

Erie Zoological Gardens

The Philadelphia Zoo

Pittsburgh Zoo
& Aquarium

SOUTH CAROLINA

Riverbanks Zoo
and Garden

TENNESSEE

Memphis Zoo

Knoxville Zoological
Gardens

TEXAS

Houston Zoo, Inc.

Dallas Zoo

San Antonio Zoological
Gardens & Aquarium

WEST VIRGINIA

Oglebay's Good
Children's Zoo

