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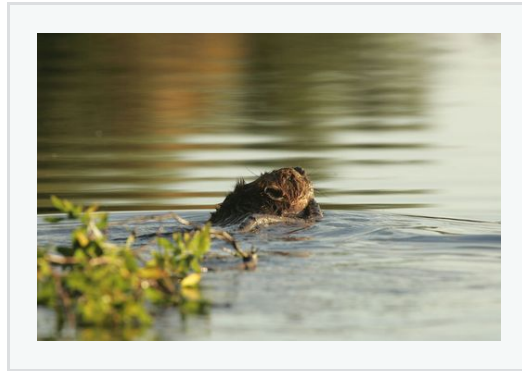
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Animals Build Homes

By Kate Paixao



Did you know that many animals build their homes?

Beavers are builders. A beaver's home is called a lodge. Lodges are made out of sticks and mud. They are built in rivers or dams. Beavers go in and out of their lodges through underwater doors.

Bees build their homes, too. A bee's home is called a hive. Bees' bodies make wax. The bees chew the wax to make it soft. Then they use the wax to build the hive. Bees live in the hive. They also store their honey there!

Animals That Dig

By Susan LaBella



Some animals dig holes or tunnels under the ground. The holes and tunnels are called burrows. Many of those animals live in burrows and have babies there.

Moles dig burrows. Moles live in burrows most of the time. They catch earthworms to eat.

Chipmunks dig large burrows. A chipmunk stores food in its burrow. The chipmunk also makes its nest there. In the winter, groundhogs hibernate in burrows. In the spring, they come out and look for food to eat.

Prairie dogs dig burrows called towns. Groups of prairie dogs live together in these burrows.

Groundhogs Are Diggers

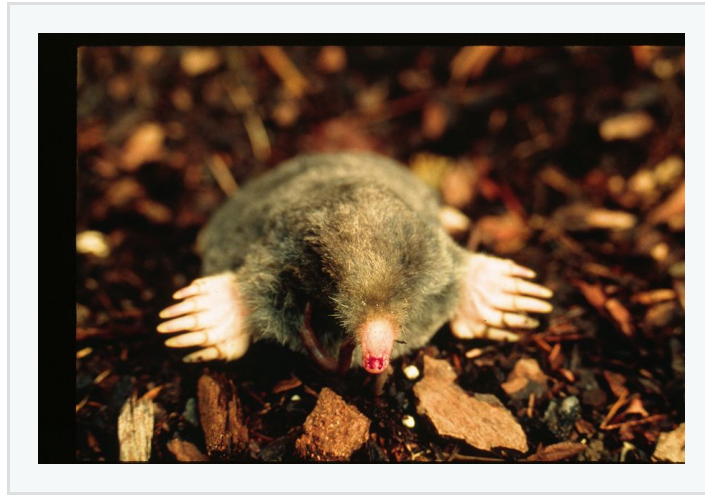
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Groundhogs are furry animals. They like to eat grass and other plants. Groundhogs live in homes called burrows. The burrows are under the ground. Groundhogs dig long tunnels into their burrows. Then they dig special rooms in the burrows. Some rooms are for groundhog babies. Some rooms are for sleeping. Some rooms are bathrooms. Groundhogs are clean animals. They keep their burrows clean too.

Meet a Mole

By Susan LaBella



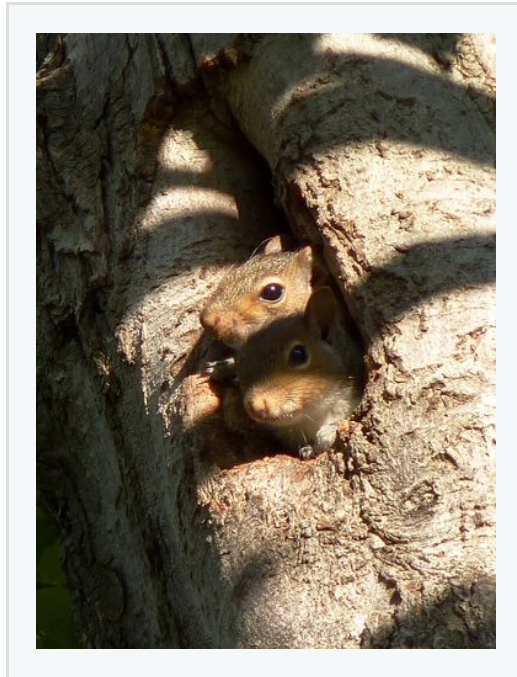
A mole is a small, furry animal. It has little eyes and does not see well. A mole has short front legs. Its paws have strong claws on them.

A mole spends most of its time under the ground. The mole digs a burrow there. The burrow can have many tunnels. The mole digs tunnels by pushing dirt with its strong front claws. Moles can dig long tunnels quickly.

Moles like to eat earthworms and bugs. Sometimes, moles dig a special area near their tunnels. They catch earthworms and keep them in that area. Later, the moles eat those earthworms.

Squirrels Build Nests

By Rachelle Kreisman



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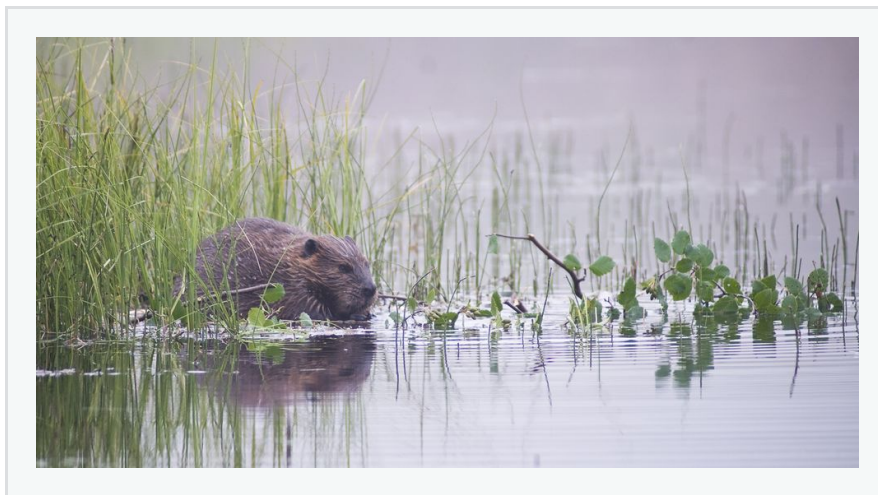
Squirrels live in trees. They build nests in the summer. The outside of their nest is made of twigs. The inside is made of grass and leaves. Those make the nest soft.

The nest is built high in the tree. Squirrels sleep in their tree nests. Most of these nests hold one or two squirrels.

Squirrels also build cold-weather nests called dens. Those nests are inside tree trunks. The dens keep squirrels warm in the winter.

All About Beavers

By Kate Paixao



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Beavers are builders. They build dams. A dam is like a wall made of wood and mud. Beavers build dams in rivers.

Beavers are swimmers. Their flat tails help them steer as they swim. Beavers can stay underwater for fifteen minutes!

Beavers are rodents. Rodents are mammals with strong teeth. Mice, rats, and rabbits are also rodents. Beavers use their strong teeth to gnaw on trees.

It's easy to see that beavers are busy animals!