

4. Mammals

One of the most well-known desert animals is the meerkat. Meerkats live in groups called mobs.

Meerkats are powerful diggers! Every day, a meerkat can dig up to several hundred times more than its own body weight.

Although they look cuddly, meerkats do not make good pets. If a human tries to touch a meerkat, it will bite them and spray them with urine.



This strange-looking animal is called a jerboa. It is a type of rodent. All rodents have special front teeth for gnawing.

Jerboa don't just look strange. They do some pretty strange things too:

- Although they are tiny, they can jump up to nearly half a metre.
- They don't drink water! They get water from their food.
- Jerboa's tails are longer than their bodies! They use them as a prop when they sit down.



Jerboa can reach speeds of up to 14 miles per hour.