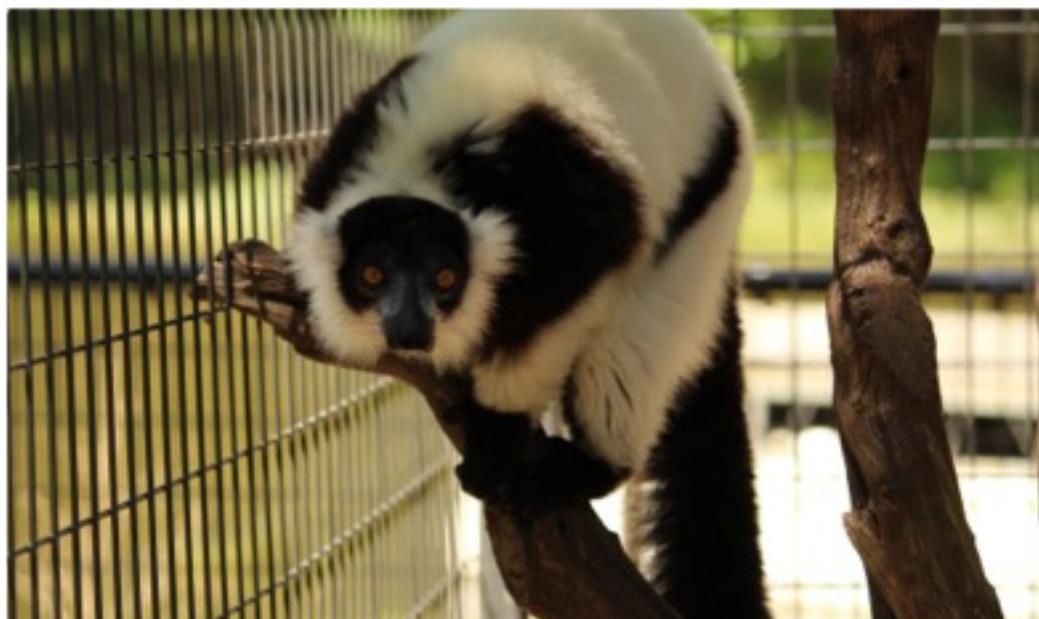


Mini S Exotic News

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2

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3

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C.A.R.E.S. is a non-profit 501(c)3 private facility, available for private tours seven days a week if booked in advance. We offer educational programs to schools, libraries clubs or groups and it is a part of our mission to teach people about rare and endangered species.

For \$100 a year you can sponsor any of the magnificent animals at the C.A.R.E.S. facility. Your sponsorship will help care for the animal of your choosing for one year and 100% of the funds will go directly toward the cost of food, veterinary care and enrichment of that animal. A sponsorship package includes a picture of your chosen animal suitable for framing, a certificate, a stuffed animal and our monthly newsletter.

By sponsoring an animal you are helping underwrite the cost of animal care therefore allowing our operating funds be directed to other important areas of development in the park. We have over 100 animals and our educational program is growing by leaps and bounds! Come be a part of our program by sponsoring one of our animals today!

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Best Regards,

Michelle Smith

Executive Director



Prairie Dog

Prairie dogs are burrowing rodents that live in large colonies in the grasslands of central and western North America. There are five species of prairie dogs: black-tailed, white-tailed, Gunnison's, Mexican and Utah. The most common species is the black-tailed prairie dog, the only species of prairie dog found within the vast Great Plains region of North America.

Prairie dogs are considered a "keystone" species because their colonies create islands of habitats that benefit approximately 150 other species. They are also a food source for many animals, including coyotes, eagles, badgers and critically endangered black-footed ferrets. Many species, like black-footed ferrets and tiger salamanders, use their burrows as homes. Prairie dogs even help aerate and fertilize the soil, allowing a greater diversity of plants to thrive.

Black-tailed prairie dogs mainly consume grasses, sedges, forbs (flowering plants), roots and seeds, though they are also known to eat insects.

Black-tailed prairie dogs once numbered in the hundreds of millions – maybe even over a billion – and were possibly the most abundant mammal in North America. But due to a variety of reasons, their numbers have decreased by over 95%. Today, they may number around 10-20 million.

Prairie dogs are colonial animals that live in complex networks of tunnels with multiple openings. Colonies are easily identified by the raised-burrow entrances that give the diminutive prairie dogs some extra height when acting as sentries and watching for signs of danger. The tunnels contain separate "rooms" for sleeping, rearing young, storing food and eliminating waste.

Prairie dogs are very social and live in closely-knit family groups called "coterie." Coterie usually contain an adult male, one or more adult females and their young offspring. These coterie are grouped together into wards and several wards make up a colony or town. Prairie dogs have a complex system of communication that includes a variety of pitched warning barks that signal different types of predators. Prairie dogs earned their name from settlers traveling across the plains who thought that these warning calls sounded similar to dogs barking.

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