



What is brown and furry and knows when spring is coming? If you guessed a groundhog, you're right! Groundhogs do live in the ground, but they don't look like hogs! They are actually members of the squirrel family. They have brown fur on their bodies, but their feet and tails are black. A full-grown groundhog is about the size of a large cat. Although they live in the ground, they can swim and they can climb trees! Groundhogs have sharp teeth. They have 5 toes on their back feet, but only 4 on their front feet. They can dig as much as 700 pounds of dirt and rocks to build their homes! Groundhogs are shy and easily scared. If something frightens them, they make a whistling sound. That is why they are sometimes called Whistle Pigs!