

What's the difference between Black-tailed Prairie dogs and Meerkats?

Prairie dog range in North America



Prairie Dogs are not dogs at all! They are from **North America** and **Mexico**. They are a social species of ground squirrel.

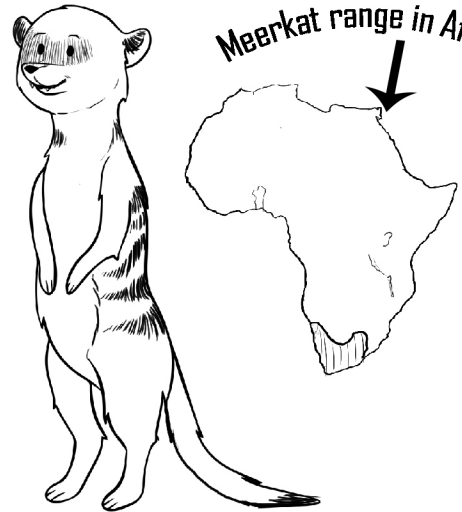


More salad, please! Grasses and other plant parts make up most of their diet. That means they're an **herbivore**.



Prairie Dogs live in large towns or colonies made up of family groups called **cateries**.

Meerkat range in Africa



Meerkats are from **southern Africa**! They're not related to cats, but are actually in the mongoose family.



What's on the menu for meerkats? Termites, millipedes, lizards, and even **scorpions** are some of a meerkat's favorite foods. That makes them a **carnivore**!



A group of meerkats is called a **mob**!



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