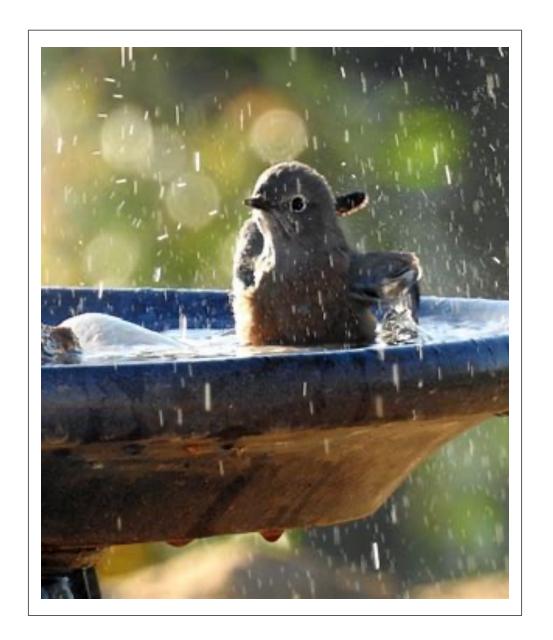
Beat the Heat

Animal adaptations for heat



There are many ways animals beat the heat.

Sweating and panting

Nocturnal and crepuscular activity

Estivation

Hiding in the shade or going underground

Fur or feather covering that radiates light

Reduced body fat

Developing a high tolerance metabolically

Releasing heat high ratio of surface area to volume

Shedding

Reducing elimination

Numerous blood vessels

Sidewinding or running on hind legs

Arrangement of furry areas –this under, thick over

Tails shading

Beat-the-heat rap!

What are some ways to beat the heat?

Hide underground and retreat?

Slow your metabolism, reduce elimination?

Arrange your feathers to decrease insulation?

You can shed, and pant and sweat,

And cool in the water by getting wet.

Increase surface to volume, and active at night.

Develop fur that reflects some of the light!



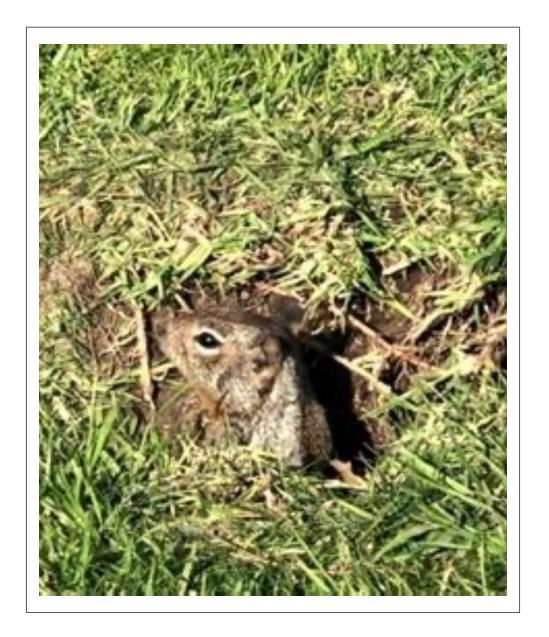
Beat the Heat song to I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little critter, how to beat the heat?

Hiding underground that's a cool retreat.

Active at night and resting by day,

Staying much cooler, that's the way!



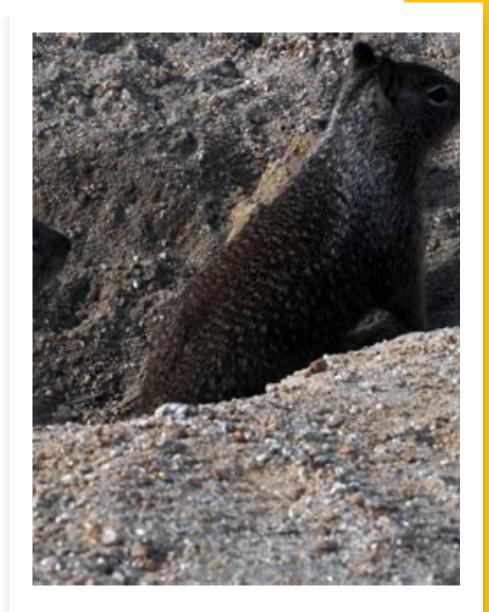
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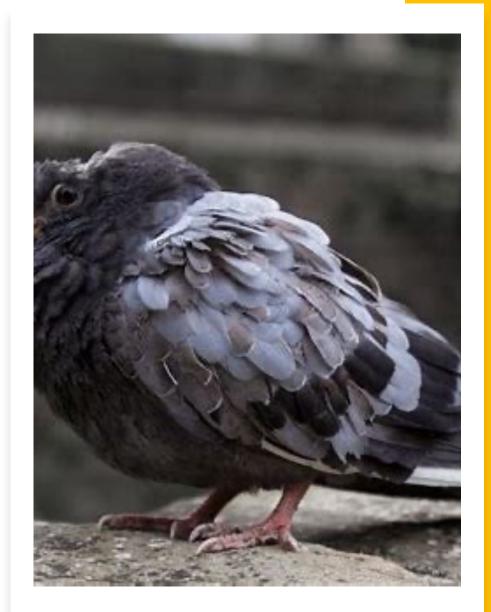
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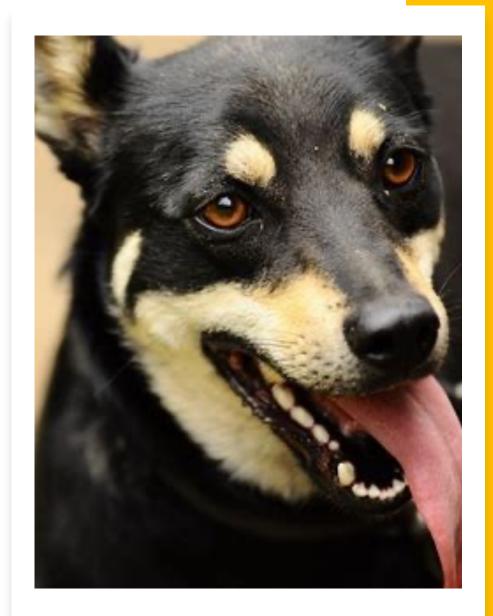


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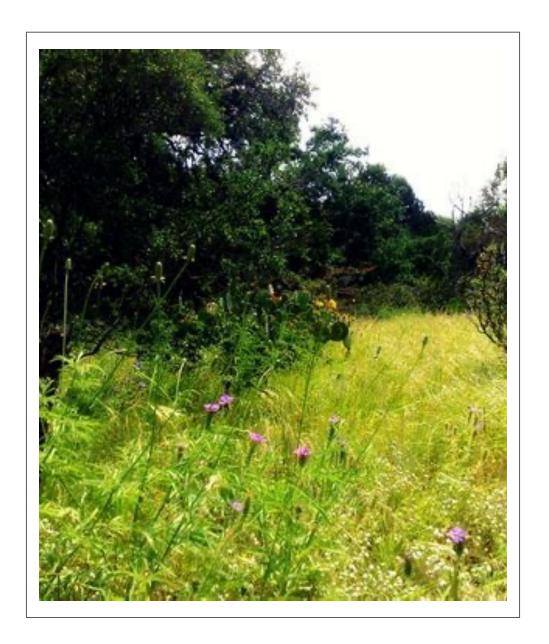
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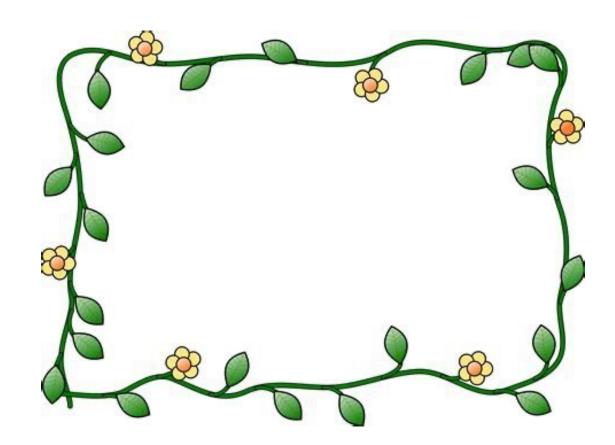
Heat retreat walk....

Can you find some cool places in the park or around your house?



Can you design an animal to beat the heat?

Flappy ears like an elephant or big ear surface like a jack rabbit? Shading tail like a squirrel? Running on two legs like a lizard? Shading fur like a camel?



Beat the heat sun treat!

Create your own beat-the-heat recipe!

