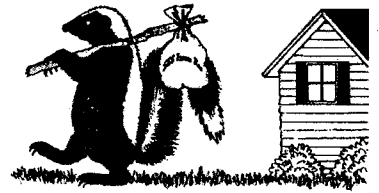


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## OPOSSUM

<b>Grouping</b>	Omnivore
<b>Nicknames</b>	Possum, *%^&*, Really Big Rat, File Tail, Grinner.
<b>Best Known For</b>	North America's only marsupial (pouched). Lying dead in the middle of the road (literally). Playing dead when threatened (catatonic state). Also will hiss, screech, bare teeth, and emit a foul smelling greenish fluid from rear anal glands. Can hang from tale, excellent climber.
<b>Life Span</b>	1 to 4 years. Most young die the first year.
<b>Mating Season</b>	January through June.
<b>Litters Per Year</b>	2 to 3. With dispersal being local.
<b>Litter Size</b>	Up to 15. Born blind and hairless after a 13-day gestation period. Young must travel to the pouch immediately after birth remaining there for 7 to 8 weeks. Juveniles often noticed riding on the mothers back.
<b>Dispersal</b>	Live locally.
<b>Habitat</b>	Rural, suburban and urban environments. Any place shelter is available. Woodlots, fields and farms.
<b>Activity Cycle</b>	Typically nocturnal. Not uncommon to be out during morning and evenings.
<b>Food</b>	Almost everything. They are the Billy goat of the wild. Scavengers. Cat and dog food left out on porches, compost bins, trashcans.
<b>Damage Signs</b>	Torn down insulation in crawlspace and under modular homes. Knocked over refuse containers. Fecal matter, trampled insulation.
<b>Treatment</b>	Trap and remove problem animals, exclude from structures and remove tempting food sources.
<b>Distinguishing Features</b>	Gray to white fur, long pointed snout, pink nose, hand like feet, noticeable ears, and a round scaly hairless tail.