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RACCOONS

Grouping	Omnivore
Nicknames	Ring tailed bandit, masked bandit, @#\$%&, coon, night raider.
Best Known For	Raiding human habitat and dwelling in chimneys, attics and out buildings. Destroying sweet corn crops. Excellent climbers and swimmers.
Life Span	3 to 5 years.
Mating Season	January and February but can mate through June.
Litter Size/ # per Litter	3 to 5 per year. One litter per year. Gestation 63 days.
Dispersal	Young often remain with the adult female through winter and move out in the spring.
Habitat	House attics, abandoned buildings, barns, hollow trees, log piles, old ground hog dens, brush piles, hay piles.
Activity Cycle	Nocturnal but not uncommon to be seen out on overcast days. They are not hibernators but will become dormant during harsh winter periods and lose up to ½ of their body weight.
Food	Everything including dog and cat food, birdseed, many fruits, carrion, fish, eggs, fresh water mussels, Cray fish, campsite foodstuff, lawn grubs, sweet and field corn. Will kill and eat chickens and ducks. Often removing the heads and eating the crop.
Damage Signs	Claw / scratch marks where climbing. Very visible damage at entry points. Knocked over refuse containers. Stripped sweet corn. Fecal matter accumulations. Trampled insulation. Staining and odor. Lawn damage includes rolled up sections of sod. Distinct poultry kills.
Disease	Raccoon Round Worm is found in the feces and is only destroyed by fire. Great care should be taken when cleaning up feces and toilet sites. Rabies (transmission is through bites, scratches and contact with saliva. Can also be transmitted via shared outside pet food dishes.)
Treatment	Trap and remove problem animals, exclude from structures, and remove tempting food sources. Noise or odor deterrents have little or no lasting effect.
Distinguishing Features	Raccoons have distinctive markings including a ringtail and facial coloration, resembling a mask. Verbalizations are quite common including screams, purring, battering, and high pitch growls.