

mini CONSERVATION HERO



TASMANIAN DEVIL FUN FACTS

Devils eat a really **big meal** in one sitting and then **don't need to eat again for days.**



CHOMP

Devils have sharp teeth and a really strong bite. They can bite through bone!

Joeys stay in their mum's pouch for around **4 MONTHS** to grow and develop



When born, baby devils (joeys) are tiny - ABOUT THE SIZE OF A GRAIN OF RICE.

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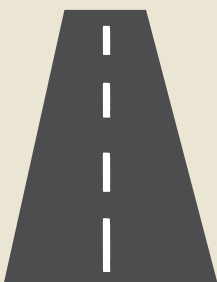
Devils sleep **underground** during the day **IN A DEN**



Devils are the largest living carnivorous marsupials in the world. **Marsupial** = an animal whose babies are carried in their pouch. **Carnivore** = an animal that eats mostly meat.

Females give birth to around **30 BABIES**

WITH THE LARGEST RECORDED LITTER HAVING OVER 50 BABIES! However, the female only has four teats in her pouch, meaning only four babies will survive. **IT IS SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST!**



DEVILS CAN TRAVEL MORE THAN 20 KM in one night searching for food- often **using roads** as they make travelling easier (WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE ON THE ROADS WHEN DRIVING!)

MAJOR THREATS

Devils are now listed as an **endangered species**, with **fewer than 15,000** left in the wild.

Devils are **threatened** by a very rare cancer, **Devil Facial Tumour Disease**.

Death on the roads due to **car crashes** are the **second biggest killer** of devils.



FIGHTING EXTINCTION



Zoos Victoria, through Healesville Sanctuary, is a partner of the Save the Tasmanian Devil program.

We aim to help breed and look after up to 50 Tasmanian Devils.



In 2013, 2015 and 2017, Tasmanian Devils were released from Healesville to locations free of the Devil Facial Tumour Disease in Tasmania. Zoos Victoria also assists with monitoring and conducting research in the wild, in the lab and in our zoos.

AT-HOME ACTIVITY

Design a road sign to remind cars to slow down and watch for wildlife.

