



**Prairie Dog Empowerment
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Curious yet cautious**

Prairie Dog totem

If you have a Prairie Dog totem, you need to make sure that you are part of your community and have many social experiences so that you can flourish – a Prairie Dog person is not happy cut off from people.

Questions to be answered are:

Are you involved enough in this time of your loved ones lives?

Or... are you too involved?

Prairie Dog people eat lots of vegetables.



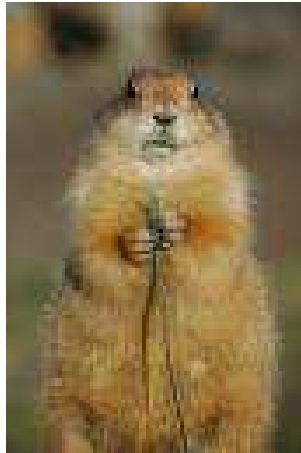
Dreams

Dreaming of this animal can represent:

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Symbolizes:

Prairie dogs are the symbol of the North American prairies.



Let's talk about

Prairie dogs are burrowing rodents not actually dogs, native to the grasslands of North America. There are five different species of prairie dogs: black-tailed, white-tailed, Gunnison, Utah, and Mexican prairie dogs. They are a type of ground squirrel.

The highly social prairie dogs live in large colonies or "towns" – collections of prairie dog families that can span hundreds of acres. Families usually consist of 1 male and 2 to 4 females living in a strict social hierarchy. Prairie dog pups reach sexual maturity at about 3 years of age, and after their third winter the dominant male in a given family will drive them away, forcing them to establish their own families

on the edges of the colony. The dominant male will defend the family's borders against rival prairie dogs, and disputes are resolved by fighting. Prairie dogs are also aggressive against predators such as badgers and snakes. Prairie dogs are social animals, however, and often make social visits with each other, and greet each other with a sort of kiss.

All Prairie Dogs are diurnal. While most may be dormant for short periods of cold weather, the White-tailed species is a true hibernator in winter.

The Prairie Dog digs its own burrows. There is a well-constructed and frequently reinforced dike against flooding from sudden rains. The entrance holes themselves are funnel-shaped. Prairie dogs line their burrows with grass to insulate them, and the earth excavated from the burrow is piled up in mounds around the burrow's entrance. The prairie dogs use these carefully maintained mounds as observation posts.



When a predator approaches, the first alert Prairie Dog gives a sharp warning call, bobs up and down in excitement, calls again and then plunges below. The danger signal is a 2-syllable bark, issued at about 40 per minute.

When Prairie Dogs relocate, they take over abandoned holes or dig new holes at the edge of the town. A few may travel miles in search of new areas, but once away from the communal warning system, most are easy prey for predators.

Today, after decades of eradication by federal, state, and local governments, devastation from disease, poisoning, recreational shooting and habitat destruction, Prairie Dogs are rapidly disappearing. More have been exterminated than remain, inhabiting only about 2 percent of their former range.

Colonies are being preserved, however, in Wind Cave National Park, Devils Tower National Monument and in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Reserve. The city of Santa Fe, New Mexico maintains a municipal park with a resident colony of Gunnison's Prairie Dogs.



Curious Prairie Dog Facts

Prairie Dogs are stout, burrowing rodents among the many

varieties of ground squirrels.

Prairie Dog burrows are called "towns."

Most Prairie Dogs hibernate during the winter.

Settlers called them "dogs" and "sod poodles" because of their high-pitched, bark-like call.

As members of the genus *Cynomys* (Greek for "mouse dog"), all 5 species of Prairie Dogs belong to the Squirrel Family (*Sciuridae*).

Prairie Dogs issue different sounds identifying various predators, which include hawks, owls, eagles, ravens, coyotes, badgers, ferrets and snakes.

At the turn of the century, as many as 5 billion Prairie Dogs occupied millions of acres of grass prairies across the West.

In 1900, a huge Prairie Dog settlement, 100 miles by 250 miles, was reported on the high plains of Texas containing an estimated 400 million Prairie Dogs!



Attunement

There are no pre-requisites for this attunement. This is based on intent and may be sent as intent or chi ball. Always ask your higher source to be with you and always thank them for being there with you. Whatever procedure that you do for yourself to align with receiving attunements, please do them.

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