

Porcupines: Nature's Quill-Bearing Wonders appear to be living among us in Manchester, NJ

Please be Mindful

- Please keep your dogs on short leashes at all times. Please put away the extend-a leashes.
- Be aware and understand many of these animals may be displaced due to the recent fires.
- If you see a porcupine (or the family of them), take a photo (snap), CALL 908-565-3592, text exact location and please DO NOT PUT LOCATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- These creatures do not need to be entertainment and Moreso, abused by “tourists” because of the uniqueness of their location
- Porcupines are not aggressive, and mostly nocturnal, but may be out in the daytime.
- When threatened, they raise and spread these quills to appear larger and intimidate predators.

Diet

- They are herbivores, they eat vegetation, including leaves, bark, stems, fruits, and plant and tree roots.

Defense Mechanisms

- Contrary to popular belief, porcupines cannot/do not shoot their quills.
- The quills are loosely attached to the skin and detach when a predator comes into contact with them. The quills have barbed tips that make them difficult to remove once embedded in the skin of a predator.

Reproduction

- Porcupines only have one or two babies annually.
- The pregnancy period for a porcupine is nearly seven months.
- At birth, baby porcupines, known as porcupettes, have soft quills that harden within a few days.

Human Interaction

- Porcupines generally keep to themselves and avoid human interaction.

Porcupines are remarkable creatures that have adapted to survive in various environments with their unique quills and behaviors. By understanding and appreciating these fascinating rodents, we can contribute to their conservation and ensure that they continue to thrive in the wild.

Please Remember to protect our amazing neighbors.

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