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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Aardwolf



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It looks something like a small hyena, has habits similar to both wolves and the domestic cat, and eats almost nothing but termites. This strange creature is called the aardwolf.

The aardwolf lives on the African continent. It eats a particular type of termite that is about one fourth of an inch long. Although there are other termite-eating creatures in the same habitat, like the aardvark, they don't prefer to eat those termites upon which the aardwolf depends. These termites build dome-shaped mounds guarded by soldier termites that squirt long threads of nasty-smelling and bad-tasting chemicals at intruders. The aardwolf seems to tolerate their attacks better than any other termite-eating creature. Both the termites and the aardwolf are active at night. In one night, one aardwolf may eat up to 300,000 termites.

The aardwolf is strongly territorial, tolerating no competitors in its territory. As solitary creatures, the mates will share the same territory, yet completely ignore each other. But when it is time for mating and raising the young, they work and live together perfectly, the male helping the female in every aspect of raising the young. And, like the domestic cat, the aardwolf buries its waste.

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