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Inhabitants of Far Eastern Taiga

Badger

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SCIENTIFIC TEXT ABOUT THE BADGER

The badger lives almost throughout Europe except Finland and the northern part of the Scandinavian Peninsula.

The badger is a rather large animal, of heavy build, very special in appearance. The body length of a badger is 60 - 100 cm, weight in the summer is 7 - 13 kg, in the fall it increases to 20 - 25 kg due to significant body fat. The body is of a peculiar wedge-shaped shape: the body from the wide back part tapers gradually towards the shoulders, continues with a relatively short neck and turns into a small narrow elongated head with very small rounded ears, which end in an elongated movable nose. The tail is short, no more than a quarter of the body length. The legs are short and massive, armed with strong claws, the feet have a bare lower surface.

All these external features are, to one degree or another, associated with the badger's adaptation to digging.

Lifestyle: these animals are nocturnal, but in the evening they often go out to bodies of water to hunt. The badger is an omnivorous animal, so its food is very diverse.

Badger is beneficial for people. Its fat is a medicine, it cures colds, coughs.

Badger is a useful and interesting animal.

A TALE ABOUT A BADGER

Once upon a time there was a little badger. He was afraid of everything - everything in the world, and therefore he had no friends. It was very difficult for him to meet anyone.

Every morning he walked across the stream to fetch wooden sticks. This was his job. But he could not talk with sticks, and therefore he was very bored.

One morning, crossing a stream, he noticed a squirrel, but he did not dare to approach it and speak. The badger lost his appetite and hardly slept, because he was thinking about the squirrel all the time, as he really liked it.



One day, on the way to the forest, he saw the squirrel and began to observe her from afar. At this time, the squirrel accidentally dropped the basket of mushrooms into the stream, the basket began to float downstream towards the badger. The squirrel tried to catch a basket with her favorite mushrooms, but the basket was already far from the shore. The squirrel collected these mushrooms for a whole year, she was very offended for her mushrooms, so she sat down and began to cry. The badger stood there and had nothing to do with himself. This was his only time when he could help a squirrel. He was afraid to do it. But fortunately, a basket of squirrels floated to meet him. He made up his mind and went into the river and took the basket.

Like a real hero !!!

Squirrel was very happy, looked at the badger gratefully and said: "Thank you very much! You are a true friend".

The badger was very happy with these words, because she became the first friend of the badger.

Since then, the badger and the squirrel are best friends !!!