

Collared Peccary/Javelina Traits

Did you know that Javelina's:

- Can hear very well so, it is very hard to sneak up on them.
- Cannot see very well and should probably wear glasses.
- Smell bad because of a musk gland on their rump, not because they did not bath.
- Are very brave and will protect their family.
- Have only three toes on each hind foot instead of four like a pig.
- Have upper tusks that point down rather than curled.
- Love to eat prickly pear and agave plants.
- Have a band of white hair around their neck or "ring around the collar," but it's not because their mom forgot to do the laundry.
- Are very social and do not like to be alone. They sleep, eat, play, and explore as a family.
- Have very coarse hair.
- Are herbivores, meaning their diet consists mainly of plants.
- Can run pretty fast. They will chase coyotes and bobcats away from their territory.



Harold's Javelina Fun Page

Javelina love to eat prickly pear and the same goes for Harold. But, did you know, prickly pears are covered with sharp spines?

This does not stop Javelina from eating large amounts on a daily basis. In fact, they don't seem to mind the spines at all.

How many prickly pears can you find in each picture?



Tumbleweed is a common sight in Arizona. In fact, during a monsoon or dust storm all you have to do is look out your window and there is a pretty good chance you will see a tumble weed blow by.

Read the Bravest Javelina and see how many tumble weed you can find in each picture. How many did you find?



Are you wondering why you should never call a Javelina pig?

Well, that's because Harold is not a pig? Harold is a javelina, and he doesn't like it when people call him a pig. Even though javelinas may resemble pigs, they are not. Some people think that javelinas are rodents! It could be because they smell and have coarse hair, however, Javelinas are an entirely different species than a pig. Javelinas are special because there are no other animals like them. They are unique in their own right, just like you. How many javelina traits does Harold have? For instance, Javelina's can not see very well, so Harold has to wear thick glasses in order to see. How many more traits can you list?





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JAVELINA QUAIL COYOTE GOPHER SNAKE
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Glossary of Desert Words

Arizona - State in the Southwestern United States, bordered by New Mexico, Mexico, California, Nevada, and Utah.

Prickly pear – Cactus with pear-shaped fruits: a cactus with flattened, jointed, spiny stems and pear-shaped fruits that are edible in some species. Flowers: large, yellow or orange.

Tumbleweed - Common name for any globular plant in which the stem snaps off at ground level and the above-ground portion is rolled and tumbled along by the wind, thereby scattering the seeds.

Coyote - Unlike wolves but similar to domestic dogs. The coyote has erect, pointed ears, a long snout, and green, wolf-like eyes. The thick coat and prominent bushy tail have black-tipped guard hairs.

Quail - A small bird with mottled brown feathers and a short tail. These birds are easily recognized by their top knots and scaly plumage on their undersides. Quails primarily move about by walking, and they can move surprisingly fast through brush and undergrowth. They are rarely seen in flight, so any flight is usually short and explosive.

Rattlesnake - A large venomous snake of the pit viper family, whose tail has loosely attached horny segments that rattle or buzz when vibrated.

Palo Verde Tree – A Common shrub and tree native to warmer parts of the Americas, like Arizona. They are easily recognized by their feathery foliage and yellow, pea-like flowers. The common name, *palo verde*, is Spanish for “green tree,” a reference to the characteristic green limbs of the tree.

