

OPOSSUM FACT CHECK



**Opossums
only live for
1 -2 years!**

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Let's Paws



- Just one opossum will eat up to 5,000 ticks in a year
- They have a prehensile tail that's like an extra hand
- 95% of opossums are naturally immune to rabies
- Opossums are immune to the venom of rattlesnakes
- Opossums are North America's only marsupial
- Mother opossums often leave their babies as they forage for food. This is normal, and babies can survive on their own when they are approximately 5 inches long.

If you find a baby opossum that is less than 5 inches long, contact Wetlands and Wildlife for further instructions.