RACCOON

*Procyon lotor*

**DIET**
It is an omnivore, meaning it will eat both plants and other animals. The ones that live in cities often eat our garbage, so don't be surprised if you see one in your trash!

**LOCATION**
Found in North America, the original habitat of the raccoon is forests, but since it adapted quickly and have extended its range to mountains and even urban areas, where some homeowners consider them to be pests.

**INTELLIGENCE**
A city raccoon is smarter than its country counterpart. It is more capable of outsmarting humans for food and through our obstacles in order to stay alive. It’s also really great at using its hands!

**MASK**
The black fur around its eyes give it a cool look. It’s “mask” is used as a filter to help absorb excessive light that could bother its eyes during the day.

**NOCTURNAL**
The raccoon is primarily nocturnal meaning it is more active during the night than the day. Although it can be seen to be foraging through the daytime, it mainly loves being out at dawn.

**RABIES**
A raccoon can contract rabies & transmit it too. If a raccoon appears to be sick, is having seizures, or foaming from mouth, stay away and call animal control immediately.