

Backside lowdown

Bums, butts, buttocks, rumps or backsides.

A body part with many names and many important uses in the animal world! From identifying individuals in a herd to attracting a mate, even protecting you from predators, here are just a few notable tushies. Share your favourite animal butt fact with us

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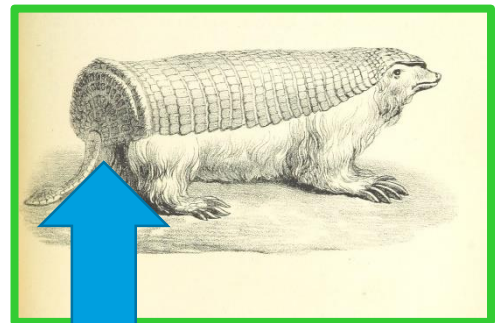
Whose butt is that?

Zebras have unique stripe patterns that originate from their back end so many researchers will have photo albums of zebra butts to help identify individuals.



Pink fairy armadillo

This highly elusive critter is found in central Argentina. They have a unique butt plate that assists when digging as it compacts dirt, closing the burrow to predators and preventing the tunnel from collapsing.



Butt plate!

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I'm gelada you stopped by!

This old world monkey lives on the southern coasts of the Red Sea in Northeastern Africa.

Gelada's sport distinctive ischial callosities - thick calloused pads on their backsides that make it possible to sit and nap upright on tree branches.



The original insta-influencer

Celebes crested macaques rose to fame when Naruto, above right, got ahold of a wildlife photographer's camera and snapped a selfie on the Island of Sulawesi, Indonesia. Besides being very photogenic, they are known for enormous swollen rumps which indicate they are actively looking for a mate.