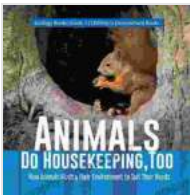


Animals Do Housekeeping Too: How Animals Modify Their Environment to Suit Their

We all know that humans clean and organize our homes to make them more comfortable and livable. But did you know that animals do the same thing? That's right, animals of all shapes and sizes modify their environment to suit their unique needs.



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Some animals build elaborate nests or dens to protect themselves from the elements and predators. Others create hiding places to store food or raise their young. And still others use their environment to attract mates or establish dominance.

Nests and Dens

Nests and dens are two of the most common types of animal homes. Nests are typically made of soft materials, such as leaves, grass, or twigs, and are used to protect eggs or young animals from the elements. Dens, on the

other hand, are more permanent structures that are used for shelter from predators or the weather.

Some animals, such as birds and squirrels, build their nests in trees. Others, such as rabbits and foxes, dig dens in the ground. And still others, such as ants and termites, build complex nests out of soil or wood.

Hiding Places

Many animals create hiding places to store food or raise their young. These hiding places can be anything from a simple hole in the ground to a complex network of tunnels.

For example, squirrels bury their nuts in the ground to hide them from predators. Mice and rats build nests in walls or ceilings to raise their young. And some species of frogs and salamanders live in burrows to protect themselves from the sun or cold.

Territories

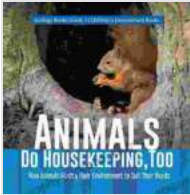
Many animals mark their territory to let other animals know that the area is theirs. They do this by leaving behind scents, vocalizations, or other signs.

For example, dogs urinate on trees or fire hydrants to mark their territory. Cats spray urine on walls or furniture. And some species of birds sing songs to defend their territory.

Animals of all shapes and sizes modify their environment to suit their unique needs. They build nests and dens to protect themselves from the elements and predators. They create hiding places to store food or raise

their young. And they mark their territory to let other animals know that the area is theirs.

The next time you see an animal, take a closer look at its environment. You may be surprised at how much effort it has put into making its home just the way it likes it.



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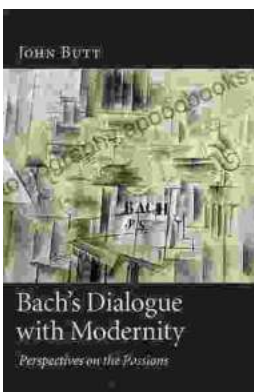
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