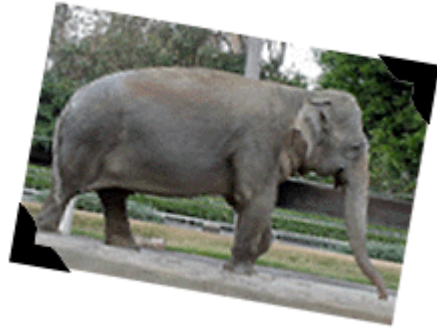


# *Wild About Sun Safety...*

**Elephants** use dirt and hay as a natural sunblock — they spread it on their backs to cover their skin. Elephants keep cool by snuffing up trunks full of water and spraying themselves.



**Koalas** spend most of the day sleeping in a eucalyptus tree. In addition to providing a food source for koalas, the leaves of the tree protect koalas from the sun's strong rays. Koalas are nocturnal animals — they sleep during the day when the sun's rays are the strongest and are awake in the evening and at night when it's cooler.



**Hippos** secrete a pinkish colored oil that helps keep their skin moist in the hot sun and acts like a sunscreen to protect their skin from sunburn.

**Pigs and Warthogs** do not have sweat glands. They wallow in mud to keep cool and protect their skin from the sun's harmful rays.

**Meerkats** have black rings around their eyes to absorb the sun's rays, protecting their eyes from sun damage.

**Chimpanzees** avoid the peak hours of the sun. Most of their activity is in the early morning and late afternoon hours.



**Ducks and Geese** have webbed feet which allows heat to escape from their body. This keeps them cool even on very hot days.



**Tortoises** have a shell that protects them from many dangers in the environment, including predators, rain, and the sun's strong rays.

**Rabbits** are nocturnal animals. This means that most of their activity is in the evening or night and they rest during the day when the sun's rays are the strongest.

**Camels** have bumps over their eyes that act as built-in sun visors to help keep out bright sunlight.



**Rhinos** use mud as a natural sunblock. They roll over in the mud to make sure they have a thick coating on their skin to protect it from the sun.



**Gorillas** avoid the peak hours of the sun. Most of their activity is in the early morning and late afternoon hours.

**Polar Bears** have special eyelids that act like sunglasses, shielding against the blinding glare of the sun's rays hitting the snow.

**Giraffes** have a dark-colored tongue that prevents it from becoming sunburned.

