

PORCUPINE QUILLS



Never cut a quill. It is important all quills are entirely removed from the animal's skin and mouth.

HOW TO REMOVE A QUILL

Using pliers, grab the porcupine quill as close as possible to the skin and pull sharply on it to remove it.

Examine the animal's entire body to make sure all porcupine quills were removed. They are often found:

- In the mouth;
- Under the tongue;
- Around the face;
- Around the nose;
- On the front limbs;
- On the tail.

Run your hands through the animal's coat in the direction of hair growth and then in the opposite direction.

Examine the entire body, the mouth (you will need to open the animal's mouth wide and use a light to get a good look), lips and tongue for porcupine quills.



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