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# WELCOME!







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**Chef Peter**

Welcomes our group &  
provides an excellent meal.



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Enjoying  
His status



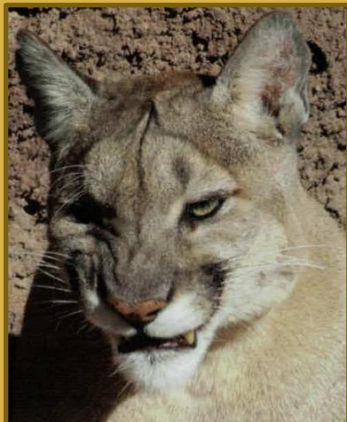




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Another  
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Are we really sure about this?







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- Only venomous lizard in the United States




**Reticulated Gila Monster**



**Banded Gila Monster**

- Symptoms include: swelling, intense burning pain, vomiting, dizziness, and weakness.

**Gila Monster**









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## *Some Lessons Learned about Animal Traits and Behaviors*



### Coyote:

- Live throughout Arizona and in every state except Hawaii
- Weigh 15 – 30 pounds
- Eat whatever is available
- Breed every year
- May be seen in groups (packs) or alone
- Removing them from one area generally results in others moving in

### Javelina:

- Weigh 40 – 60 pounds
- Stand about 19 inches tall
- Have very poor eyesight and may appear to be charging when actually trying to escape
- Have a keen sense of smell
- Travel in washes and areas with dense vegetation
- Will roll in mud and water to cool off
- Have a scent gland on back used to identify animals from different herds
- Are most active at night



### Mountain Lion:

- Specialized predator also called pumas, cougars, or panthers
- Between 2,500 and 3,500 live in Arizona
- Weigh 70 – 150 pounds with males being larger
- Primarily eat deer, but also javelina, bighorn sheep, elk, and occasionally pets
- Typically stalk and ambush prey from high vantage points like trees or rocks
- Average litter of three kittens, who have black spots
- Secretive, sly, and elusive - prefer to remain hidden
- Found throughout Arizona
- Range from Canada to South America

