



## **ALL FOR ONE – TEAMWORK THE MEERKAT WAY**

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'Working together' takes on a new look in this program and it is designed to change or reawaken the way we feel about safety- and help inspire a cultural step change towards an interdependent safety culture.

Beautifully shot by BBC crews in the Kalahari, "All for One" shows how Meerkats manage to survive against all odds in one of the world's most hostile environments. Meerkats aren't big, fast or venomous (like their predators). But they continue to thrive because they work together better than almost any other species.

That's what this presentation is all about..how the Meerkat can teach us humans a thing or two about living together, about team work and about keeping SAFE.

This is a story about one of the most remarkable animals on the planet and how it keeps itself safe, in fact thrives in one of the worlds most hostile environments.

By the end of this presentation you will have learnt something about "Safety – The Meerkat Way".

On the face of it, Meerkats have grabbed the short straw in the struggle for evolutionary success. So why do Meerkats survive at all? The answer is the thing that makes Meerkats so special. They cooperate – more than just about any other mammal.

Young Meerkats learn from their mentors all about the real hazards in world, and about the false alarms. To a baby Meerkat it is all new and all frightening, until they are shown the ropes.

Many of the Meerkats growing skills are learnt, like working together to mob a snake. But a lot of the Meerkat success comes to a razor sharp instinct for safety, that's from the moment there are born and never ever leaves them.

Another Meerkat safety skill is their curiosity. It might sometimes get them into trouble But more often than not – Curiosity means total awareness of any new things in their environment.

To a health and safety expert the cooperative behaviour of the Meerkat carries important lessons for all of us. In fact it is a hallmark of all the best safety cultures across all industries: INTERDEPENDANT SAFETY CULTURES

Meerkats survive as a species because they follow the simple rule of Interdependence.

## **ALL FOR ONE – AND ONE FOR ALL!!**

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