

# Houston Zoo at Home

## NAKED MOLE RATS

### **Mole Rat Shuffle**

All ages

Even though naked mole rats have well developed eyes, their brain has lost the ability to process what they see, leaving them functionally blind! Instead of using eyesight to navigate through their tunnels, they must depend on the other senses to find their way around; specifically hearing, smell, and touch.

See if you can travel like a mole rat! Tie a blind fold or cloth around your eyes and see how well you can get around your house using your other senses. Be careful though! Only do this on the bottom floor if you have an upstairs and be sure to remove any hazardous obstacles before playing

**Level Up Challenge:** Make it a family adventure and see if one person can guide the other through a room using only their voice. You can also spend some quiet time blindfolded or with your eyes closed and see if your other senses notice anything new!

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