

To know more about ... the lemming ! © Myriam Dielemans



What is the polar dog biting ???

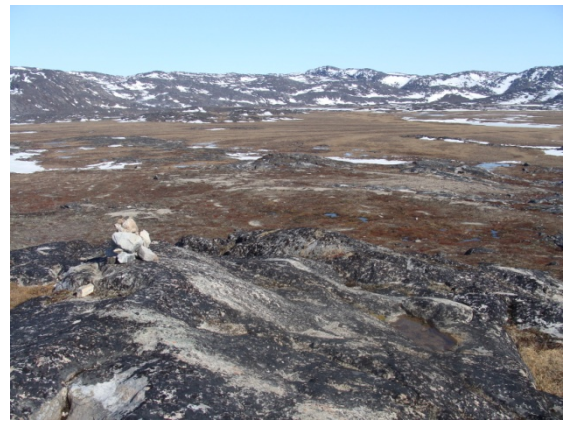
Do you know this little animal which lives in the cold countries not far from the North Pole?

Its name is the Lemming . . .

This is a small rodent (maximum 100g) well adapted to extreme cold.

Its squat shape, dense coat and short ears help to reduce energy losses.

In summer, it is brown like the colors of the tundra where he digs shallow burrows, because the ground is deeply frozen. It eats all kind of herbs.



*In winter it is white like the snow...
Its claws become strong in order to scrape the ground and to access the frozen plants it eats.*

In winter it builds nests and digs tunnels under the snow to go from one nest to another.



The Lemming is very lucky . . .

In summer, its body produce a special hormone !!!

It can eat a lot, a lot, a lot ... IT DOES NOT GROW !!!

Unfortunately for it,

*Artic foxes,
Skuas (big birds),
Ermines
and Snowy Owls*

hunt it for food !!!

