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Scientific Classification for Prairie Dogs (and other extraneous information)

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Chordata
Class: Mammalia
Order: Rodentia
Suborder: Sciuromorpha
Family: Sciuridae (squirrels, chipmunks, marmots, and prairie dogs)
Tribe: Marmotini
Genus: **Cynomys**

- Gunnison's prairie dog, *Cynomys gunnisoni*
- White-tailed prairie dog, *Cynomys leucurus*
- Black-tailed prairie dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*
- Mexican prairie dog, *Cynomys mexicanus*
- Utah prairie dog, *Cynomys parvidens*

Ground Hogs and Wood Chucks are also in the marmot family. Beavers are rodents, but they are in the Castoridae family.

Mice and rats are rodents, but in the Family Muridae

Voles are rodents, but in the Family Cricetidae

Moles are rodents but in the Family Talpidae

Gophers are rodents, but in the Family **Geomyidae**

The **Mustelidae** (from Latin *mustela*, weasel) are in the order of carnivorous mammals (Carnivora), including the otters, skunks, badgers, weasels, ferrets, martens, minks, raccoons, and wolverines. **The Mustelidae ARE NOT rodents.**

Rabbits are not rodents, they are in the order Lagomorpha.

Human beings are Animalia/Chordata/Mammalia; the order however, is Primates.