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## How Do Meerkats Reproduce?

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Raising young as a community allows the entire group to share responsibilities, keeping the pups safe and well-fed.
2. The dominant female ensures survival by leading the group, nursing her pups, and relying on mob members for help.
3. Teamwork benefits the pups by providing protection, food, and guidance on survival skills.
4. As a young meerkat pup, the adults protect me, keep me warm, and teach me how to hunt for insects and stay alert for danger.

