Raccoons

Raccoons are amazing animals. They are able to do lots of things we would not expect them to do. They can do a lot of things humans can do. With their large brains, they can figure out how to unlock gates, open covered trash cans, and make nests almost everywhere.

Raccoons are clever. Some raccoons can control their paws as well as some people can use their hands. Some raccoons can untie knots on trash bags to get food, or open closed doors to get into buildings.

Raccoons are strong and sneaky. They can move heavy things, climb into small spaces, or up high. Raccoons can dig well. They also have powerful jaws and sharp teeth.

Raccoons will eat smaller living things they find in nature, or food left behind or thrown away by humans.

Raccoons that live in cities will eat beetles, fish, or even

156 kittens! They will eat cereal, crackers, or even yogurt! Can 159 you believe it? 168 Raccoons live in trees and other places outside cities, 180 but they also like to live behind the walls or above the 191 ceilings in buildings, in the sewer, or in garages and shacks. 200 Raccoons are animals that have found many ways to 211 adapt and survive in the city. Raccoons are a lot like 212 people!