

WHAT DOES TORPOR LOOK LIKE?

Respiration rate slows down from 60 breaths per minute to 20 breaths per minute.



80% INACTIVE

Heart rate slows down from 350 beats per minute to 4 beats per minute.



Body temperature lowers from 98° F to the temperature of it's den.



To wake up from torpor, chipmunks will violently shake, raising their body temperature, heart rate, and breathing rate.



When active, animals will:

20% ACTIVE

eat from their food hoards--inside and outside of their dens



go to the bathroom



and warm up in the sun



Animals will wake up when the temperature outside is warmer than usual

