* Misc Fun Facts:
  + It is illegal to own a pet squirrel in California
* Feeding Squirrels:
  + Omnivores, but usually eats nuts/seeds
  + Naturally eats pine cones
  + Human introduced foods
    - Pistachios
    - Crackers
    - Bread → unhealthy
    - Grapes
    - Tortillas
    - Apples
    - Fruits in general
    - Umm...tic tacs
  + Squirrels also need water
  + For home, you can buy squirrel feeders
    - Alternatively, just throw food on the ground
      * Other animals might eat it...rats, raccoons, etc.
    - Or just use a bird feeder
* Risks:
  + Squirrels are still wild animals
    - They don’t know English
  + Might be unsanitary
    - Like any wild animal, may carry diseases
  + You have to be pretty dumb to get bitten by a squirrel
    - Please don’t get bitten… there are lots of shots you have to take if you do
      * Tetanus and rare chance of rabies
      * Might lead to an infection
    - Squirrel bites are rare
    - Just please go to a doctor
* Types of Squirrels:
  + Most commonly seen in the area (campus)
    - Fox Squirrel
      * Largest North American Tree Squirrel
      * Reddish-orange/brown color
      * Bushy tail
      * Good at climbing, has claws that are sharp
      * Basically found all throughout America
      * Like trees
      * Sometimes they also use bushes
      * Day creatures → sleep at night
      * Buries food → usually things that are fatty (like nuts) or are shelled (like nuts)
      * Mating season = Winter (December - February)
        + “Chasing season”
        + They will probably ignore you
      * Females make babies when they are 1 year old
        + Often give birth to triplets
      * Lifespan → around 14 years
      * Need to chew or they will have ingrown teeth
      * Double jointed ankles
      * Excellent tree navigators
      * Territorial
      * Not that social
      * Most active during fall
        + Sometimes sleeps in during the winter, but doesn’t actually hibernate
      * Squirrels are pretty smart
    - Other squirrels:
      * Red Squirrel
      * Grey Squirrel
* Behavior → add squirrel ethogram?
  + Barking/Chirping
  + Rolling around
  + Chasing each other
  + Tail signals
    - Usually to indicate danger or frustration
    - To acknowledge presence

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