



Groundhog Day Fun Facts

Groundhog Day began on February 2, 1887, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. A newspaper editor suggested it as a fun tradition based on local folklore.

German settlers brought the idea to Pennsylvania, but they originally used hedgehogs! Since hedgehogs weren't common in the U.S., the groundhog, also known as a woodchuck, became the star

- If the groundhog sees its shadow, we're in for six more weeks of winter.
- If it doesn't see its shadow, spring is on its way!

Phil is the most famous groundhog in the world. Every year, he emerges from his burrow at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney for the prediction.

The Inner Circle of Punxsutawney cares for Phil year-round. They wear top hats and formal coats during the ceremony.

Phil's predictions are just for fun! According to records, his accuracy is about 39%.