

Why Cockroaches Are Survivors

Cockroaches have survived for so long because they are very hardy and they can adapt. They can be frozen, then thawed out, and still survive. Even nuclear blasts don't always kill cockroaches. They can cope with a hundred times more radiation than humans.

Cockroaches adapt to extreme temperatures. If it is freezing cold, they move into warmer places. They can survive in the desert because at night they stick their tongues out to collect the moisture from the air.

Cockroaches can even survive being poisoned. This is because the waxes and oils on the cockroaches' bodies stop the poisons from killing them. They have also built up a resistance to some poisons. If poison is sprayed, it will kill most of the cockroaches, but some of the eggs may survive. When these eggs hatch, the young cockroaches are resistant to that poison. They breed and pass this on to their young. Before long, there is a whole new community of cockroaches that are resistant to that poison.





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