Evolution of the Kangaroo

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1)Ngamaroo Archeri 25 million years ago

Lived: Australia when it was greener and wetter

Size: small dog

How different: Shorter legs and height

Why it changed: Changed to be able to "run" and be able to defend from predators better



2) Cookeroo Bulwidarri 23 million years ago

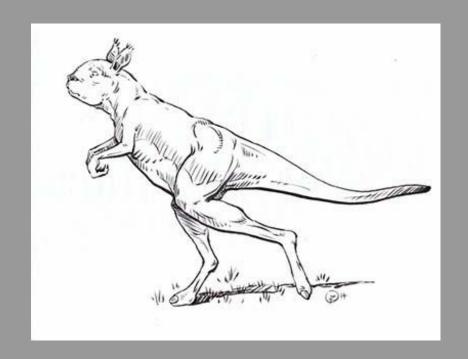
Lived: Northern Australia

Size: small wallabies

How different: tail was higher different

head shape

Why it changed: was unbalanced and only defence was running away and hiding



3) Cookeroo Hortusensis 18-20 million years ago

Lived: Northern Australia

Size: small wallabies

How different: had a bigger belly and

longer feet

Why it changed: needed longer arms in order to have better defense



4) Pliocene 2.6 to 5.3 million years ago

Lived: dry grasslands of Australia

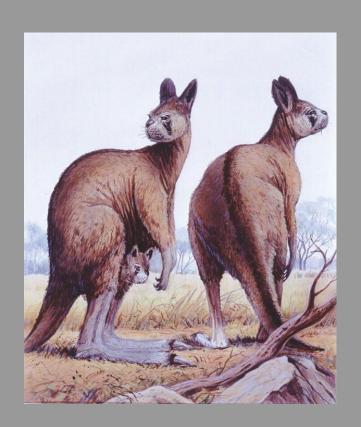
Size: average dog size

How different: longer feet and tails

different head shapes

Why it changed: for the ice age needed

to be better suited



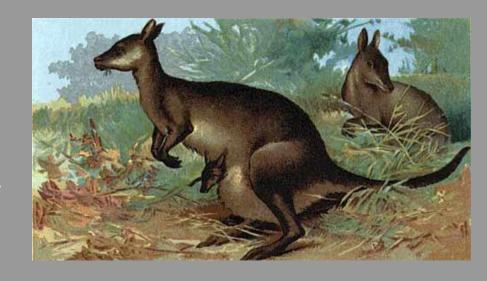
5) Pleistocene 2.6 million years to 11,700 years ago

Lived: During the ice age

Size: small dog

How different: can move faster on the ground

Why it changed: when ice age was over the environment changed



6) Macropus Macropus (Kangaroo) common day

Lives: commen day australia

Size: 4 feet 9 inches generally

How different: taller, stronger, longer

arms

Why it changed: it hasn't this is the most evolved version so far



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