

1: Mammal - Wikipedia

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Habitat[edit] A fisher in the woods near Ipswich, Massachusetts Although fishers are competent tree climbers, they spend most of their time on the forest floor and prefer continuous forest to other habitats. They have been found in extensive conifer forests typical of the boreal forest, but are also common in mixed-hardwood and conifer forests. Since female fishers require moderately large trees for denning, forests that have been heavily logged and have extensive second growth appears to be unsuitable for their needs. In western forests, where fire regularly removes understory debris, fishers show a preference for riparian woodland habitat. Habitat is also affected by snow compaction and moisture content. They can be found as far north as Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories and as far south as the mountains of Oregon. Overtrapping and loss of forest habitat were the reasons for the decline. A combination of forest regrowth in abandoned farmlands and improved forest management practices increased available habitat and allowed remnant populations to recover. Populations have since recovered sufficiently that the species is no longer endangered. Increasing forest cover in eastern North America means that fisher populations will remain sufficiently robust for the near future. Between and , some states had allowed limited trapping to resume. In areas where fishers were eliminated, porcupine populations subsequently increased. Areas with a high density of porcupines were found to have extensive damage to timber crops. In these cases, fishers were reintroduced by releasing adults relocated from other places into the forest. Once the fisher populations became re-established, porcupine numbers returned to natural levels. From 1970s, fishers were introduced to the region around Crater Lake. The reintroduced animals are monitored by radio collars and remote cameras, and have been shown to be reproducing. In Idaho and California, fishers are protected through a closed trapping season, but they are not afforded any specific protection; [45] however, in California the fisher has been granted threatened status under the Endangered Species Act. Fish and Wildlife Service recommended that fishers be removed from the endangered list in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. Unprovoked attacks on humans are extremely rare, but fishers will attack if they feel threatened or cornered. In one case, a fisher was blamed for an attack on a 6-year-old boy. They have been popular with trappers due to the value of their fur, which has been used for scarves and neck pieces. The best pelts are from winter trapping, with secondary-quality pelts from spring trapping. The lowest-quality furs come from out-of-season trapping when fishers are moulting. They are easily trapped, and the value of their fur was a particular incentive for catching this species. In New England, fishers, along with most other furbearers, were nearly exterminated due to unregulated trapping. Fishers became extirpated in many northern U. Limited protection was afforded in the early 20th century, but total protection was not given to the few remaining fishers until Closed seasons, habitat recovery, and reintroductions have restored fishers to much of their original range. During the early s, the value of fisher pelts soared, leading to another population crash in After a few years of closed seasons, fisher trapping reopened in with a shortened season and restricted bag limits. The population has steadily increased since then, with steadily increasing numbers of trapped animals, despite a much lower pelt value. Since pelts were relatively valuable, attempts were made to raise fishers on farms. Fur farming was popular with other species such as mink and ermine , so the same techniques were thought to be applicable to fishers. However, farmers found it difficult to raise fishers due to their unusual reproductive cycle. In general, knowledge of delayed implantation in fishers was unknown at the time. Farmers noted that females mated in the spring but did not give birth. Due to declining pelt prices, most fisher farms closed operations by the late s. Fishers are poor animals to exhibit because, in general, they hide from visitors all day. Some zoos have had difficulty keeping fishers alive since they are susceptible to many diseases in captivity. Powell raised two fisher kits for the purpose of performing scientific research. His primary interest was an attempt to measure the activity of fishers to determine how much food the animals required to function. He did this by running them through treadmill exercises that simulated activity in the wild. He compared this to their food intake and used the data

to estimate daily food requirements. The research lasted for two years. After one year, one of the fishers died due to unknown causes. A few instances of fishers preying on cats and small dogs have been reported; [72] [73] [74] [75] [76] [77] but in general, the evidence suggests these attacks are rare. A study examined the stomach contents of all fishers trapped in the state of New Hampshire; cat hairs were found in only one of over 1, stomachs. Forest Service , and the Hoopa tribe showed that fishers in California were exposed to and killed by anticoagulant rodenticides associated with marijuana cultivation. Robert Snyder relates a tale of his encounter with fishers in the woods of the Adirondack Mountains of New York. He recounts three sightings, including one where he witnessed a fisher attacking a porcupine. The recluse frees the fisher from a trap and nurses it back to health. The fisher tolerates the attention, but being a wild animal, returns to the forest when well enough. Langford uses the ecology and known habits of the fisher to weave a tale of survival and tolerance in the northern woods of Canada.

2: Free Animal Trivia Quiz Questions and Answers About Miscellaneous Animals

Animals are complex, multicellular organisms equipped with nervous systems and the ability to pursue or capture their food can be divided into six broad categories. In this article, you'll discover the six main animal groups, ranging from the simplest (invertebrates) to the most complex (mammals).

With dolphins masquerading as whales, lizards as toads, and marsupials as bears, it can be tough to keep track of which animals are which. Its closest living relatives are fellow branch-dwelling mammals like the civet and the genet. In fact, the electric eel is a type of knifefish the common term for the order Gymnotiformes, and only earned its name due to the snakelike appearance it shares with the eel. Unlike true eels, the electric eel breathes air, lays its eggs in fresh not ocean water, and has no teeth or dorsal fin. The Himalayan omnivore occupies its own family Ailuridae, and its closest relatives are the weasel, raccoon, and skunk. Surprisingly enough, these auburn fluff balls should not be condemned for swiping the panda name from the grayscale bears of China, but the other way around. A king cobra is marked by a much narrower hood than that for which its cobra colleagues are known. Other differences include body size, color, scale makeup especially around the face, diet, reproductive patterns, habitat, and venom content and toxicity. But all true goats, wild and domesticated, commune under the genus *Capra*, whereas the so-called mountain goat is the sole living species belonging to the genus *Oreamnos*. A paramount factor that distinguishes Shamu and company as dolphins rather than whales: Upon original discovery, this native of Africa and Southern Asia was grouped among the badger subfamily Melinae due to superficial similarities. It has since been relocated to its own subfamily Mellivorinae, and is now considered far closer in relation to the marten than to the badger. Characteristics that distinguish the mantis shrimp from other crustaceans include a miles-per-hour punch and an incredibly complex optical makeup, allowing for a more sophisticated comprehension of color than any other known animal. There is in truth no such thing as an American buffalo, as the furry beast that roamed the frontier of our very own Old West was actually a bison. Buffalo hail naturally from Central and Southern Africa, the Indian subcontinent, and certain parts of Italy, and are marked by much larger horns and leaner bodies than the American bison. Much like the flying squirrel, it is relegated to a life of gliding and swooping, never able to take to the wild blue yonder in earnest. Furthermore, the flying lemur is not really a lemur, but a completely separate and biologically distant albeit admittedly similar looking creature occupying its own order Dermoptera and family Cynocephalidae. The lemur, on the other hand, is one of many animals that fall under the primate umbrella, making it a closer cousin to you than to this winged imposter. The maned wolf is a closer relative to fellow South Americans like the forest fox or crab-eating fox and the bush dog. **HORNY TOAD** If your primary association with this desert denizen is the occasional flustered exclamation of one Yosemite Sam, then you might not realize that the creature in question is no toad at all, nor even a frog. But nothing is more baffling than its propensity to shoot blood from its eyes as a means of defense. The koala is the only extant animal housed under the Phascolarctidae family, but calls its fellow Aussie the wombat its closest living relative. Other creatures wrongly called fish are starfish and cuttlefish, each one a member of a phylum Echinodermata and Mollusca, respectively altogether distinct from that of all fish. Taxonomically speaking, fish are actually more closely related to humans than they are to either jellyfish or starfish fish and humans both belong to the phylum Chordata, along with all other mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians but not jellyfish, starfish, or cuttlefish! Its popularity as a culinary dish is what earned it its befuddling alias.

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Animals in the class Mammalia are called mammals. Mammals are the most familiar class of animal to us because we see them all the time. Mammals are the most familiar class of animal to us because we see them all the time.

Cells are the basic unit of life and these microscopic structures work together and perform all the necessary functions to keep an animal alive. There is an enormous range of animal cells. Each is adapted to perform specific functions, such as carrying oxygen, contracting muscles, secreting mucus, or protecting organs. The cells of animals are advanced and complex. Along with plants and fungi, the cells of animals are eukaryotic. Eukaryotic cells are relatively large cells with a nucleus and specialized structures called organelles. Although animal cells can vary considerably depending on their purpose, there are some general characteristics that are common to all cells. These include structures such as the plasma membrane, cytoplasm, nucleus, mitochondria, and ribosomes. There was an error submitting your subscription. First Name Email Address We use this field to detect spam bots. If you fill this in, you will be marked as a spammer. Free Fact Sheet Powered by ConvertKit General structure of an animal cell Animal cells have a number of organelles and structures that perform specific functions for the cell. The huge variety of cells that have evolved to fulfill different purposes do not always have all the same organelles or structures, but in general terms, these are some of the structures you can expect to find in animal cells: Plasma membrane The plasma membrane is a porous membrane that surrounds an animal cell. It is responsible for regulating what moves in and out of a cell. The plasma membrane is made from a double layer of lipids. Extra compounds such as proteins and carbohydrates are embedded into the lipid membrane and perform roles such as receiving cellular signals and creating channels through the membrane. A nucleus consists of a nuclear envelope, chromatin, and a nucleolus. The nuclear envelope is made from two membranes and encapsulates the contents of the nucleus. The double membrane has numerous pores to allow substances to move in and out of the nucleus. Inside the nuclear envelope, the majority of the nucleus is filled with chromatin. The nucleolus is the center core of the nucleus and produces organelles called ribosomes. Endoplasmic reticulum ER The endoplasmic reticulum is a network of membranes found within almost all eukaryotic cells. The endoplasmic reticulum includes both the smooth ER and the rough ER. The smooth ER is a smooth membrane and has no ribosomes, whereas the rough ER has ribosomes that are used to produce proteins. Mitochondria Mitochondria are one of the most important of all organelles. They are the site of cellular respiration – the process that breaks down sugars and other compounds into cellular energy. Golgi apparatus The golgi apparatus or golgi body is another set of membranes found within the cell but is not attached to the nucleus of the cell. It serves many important functions including modifying proteins and lipids and transporting cellular substances out of the cell. Ribosomes Ribosomes are involved in the process of creating proteins. They also produce hydrogen peroxide and convert it to water. Lysosomes A lysosome is the waste disposal unit of the cell. They are another small organelle and contain a range of enzymes that allow them to digest molecules such as lipids, carbohydrates, and proteins. Centrosomes Centrosomes are involved in cell division and the production of flagella and cilia. Villi Villi are needle-like growths that extend from the plasma membrane of a cell. For some cells, such as the cells along the wall of intestines, it is important to be able to rapidly exchange substances with their surrounding environment. Villi increase the rate of exchange of materials between cells and their environment by increasing the surface area of the plasma membrane. This increases the space available for material to move in and out of the cell. Flagella Movement is particularly important for certain animal cells. Sperm cells, for example, live for the sole purpose of traveling to an egg and fertilizing it. Flagella plural of flagellum provide the mechanical ability for cells to move under their own power. The keratin in skin cells helps to make skin an effective layer of protection for the body. Keratin also makes hair and nails. Melanocytes are the second main type of skin cell. Melanocytes sit underneath keratinocytes in a lower layer of skin cells and the melanin they produce is transported up to the surface layers of cells. The more melanocytes you have in your skin, the darker your skin is. Muscle cells can be either skeletal muscle cells, cardiac muscle cells or smooth muscle cells Skeletal muscle cells are the most common type of muscle cells and are responsible for making

general, conscious movements of the body. Cardiac muscle cells control contractions of heart by generating electrical impulses and smooth muscle cells control subconscious movements of tissues such as blood vessels, the uterus, and the stomach. Blood cells Blood cells can be split into red and white blood cells. Red blood cells make up around Red blood cells are the only animal cells that do not have a nucleus. Nerve cells Nerve cells, also called neurons, are the main cells of the nervous system. The human brain alone has around billion nerve cells. They are the message carriers of animal cells and deliver and receive signals using dendrites and axons. Dendrites and axons are extensions from the cell that receive and export signals to and from the cell, respectively. Fat cells Fat cells, also known as adipocytes or lipocytes, are used to store fats and other lipids as energy reserves. There are two common types of fat cells in animals – white fat cells and brown fat cells. The main difference between the two cell types is the way they store lipids. White fat cells have one large lipid drop whereas in brown fat cells there are multiple, smaller lipid droplets spread through the cell. Differences between plant, fungal and animal cells Animal cells have slight differences to the eukaryotic cells of plants and fungi. Plant and fungal cells have cell walls. Plant cells also have chloroplasts and vacuoles. Plant cells lack flagella, lysosomes and centrosomes. Fungal cells typically have lysosomes and centrosomes but very few species have flagella. The main difference between fungal and animal cells is the presence of a cell wall in fungal cells. Our infographic has been sent to your email address. Fact Sheet Last edited: This is the resource that I recommend above anything else for aspiring biologists.

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Mammals include the largest animal on the planet, the blue whale. The basic body type is a terrestrial quadruped, but some mammals are adapted for life at sea, in the air, in trees, underground or on two legs.

That means that creatures from ants to elephants are in the same group! So, scientists need a way to organize them into smaller groups. This process is called animal classification. Image of some animals that are in the animal kingdom. Animal classification helps us sort animals into different groups. Animal Phyla Animal Classification Every animal in the kingdom also belongs to a phylum. There are 33 different kinds of animal phyla. They are named Chordata and Arthropoda. Animals belonging to Chordata are called chordates. Animals belonging to Arthropoda are called arthropods. Arthropoda Arthropoda is by far the largest animal phylum! So, the group contains all sorts of creatures including insects, crabs, and spiders. Yet, arthropods also have a few common traits: They have a segmented body. If you look closely, you can see how its body is divided by dark lines. This is an example of segmentation. People often think arthropods are creepy because of their many legs. But, the phylum also contains beautiful animals like butterflies! This shows how diverse Arthropoda is. Chordates and Vertebrates Chordates are a group of animals defined by complex features. But, we can skip over those for now. A vertebrate is an animal with a backbone. Another word for the backbone is the spine. Instead, they are called invertebrates. So, after animals have been categorized by phylum, scientists put them into a class. There are six major classes of vertebrates. Amphibia Animals belonging to the class Amphibia are called amphibians. Some common examples of amphibians are frogs, newts, and salamanders. They are classified by three specific features: All amphibians are cold-blooded. Amphibians start life as a larva. Tadpoles are a type of larva. Amphibians breathe through their skin. Amphibians also have a few other unique traits. Yet, these are the most important. The very cute, yet very dangerous Golden Poison Frog Reptilia Animals which belong to the class Reptilia are called reptiles. Like amphibians, reptiles are cold-blooded. Lizards, snakes, and crocodiles are examples of scaly reptiles. Lizards are a common type of reptile. This one is basking in the sun. They do this because they are cold-blooded. Aves Birds Animals in the class Aves are called birds. But remember, not all birds fly. All birds have feathers. Birds have light bones. This allows them to fly more easily. Penguins are a type of bird which cannot fly. Mammalia Animals in the class Mammalia are called mammals. Mammals are the most familiar class of animal to us because we see them all the time. In fact, human beings are mammals. A few of their special traits are complex. Elephants are a type of mammal. Classes of Fish There are actually several classes just for fish! You can find out more about them here. Part of the reason they have so many categories is their age. Marine animals have been around for a lot longer than land animals. So, they have had more time to evolve. This had lead to the creation of many different classes of fish. Red Tilapia fish love swimming in ponds and lakes.

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Back to Animals. What makes an animal a mammal? Mammals are a particular class of animal. What makes an animal a mammal are several things. First, they must have glands that give milk. This is to feed their babies. Second, they are warm-blooded. Third, all mammals have fur or hair. Humans are mammals and so are dogs, whales, elephants, and horses.

If it was a wood frog, it would most likely be in hibernation. Wood frogs hibernate inside logs or burrows or under rocks or leaf piles. During the cold of winter, when in hibernation, they actually stop breathing, their heart stops and ice crystals form in their blood. When the weather warms, they defrost, and their lungs and heart go back into action. Deer Mice Deer mice have short lives and short torpor light hibernation periods. During cold weather, they torpor from morning to late afternoon bundled up with their buddies and then spend the night searching for food. Between their daily torpor and the shared heat from snuggling up together, deer mice are able to save valuable amounts of energy. The deer mouse occurs in a very wide range of habitat types. This species occurs in deserts, prairies, and forests, but not in wetlands. The deer mouse is quite tolerant of certain types of disturbance, and its populations are little affected by light wildfires or the harvesting of trees from its habitat. Common Poorwills Common poorwills are the only species of bird that go into true hibernation. A handful of other bird species go into torpor light hibernation. Common poorwills hibernate when the temperatures get really cold, really hot or when food is scarce. When necessary, they can even hibernate while incubating their eggs. Fish and Wildlife Service 7. Ground Squirrels Most types of ground squirrels hibernate and some do so for nine months a year. They also torpor light hibernation during other times of the year for a few days at a time. Ground squirrels have great hibernation spaces. They dig elaborate underground tunnels with different rooms for food storage, sleep and elimination yes, they have bathrooms. Ground squirrels go into hibernation as a response to a change in their blood. Scientists have been able to get an active ground squirrel to go into hibernation by injecting it with blood from a hibernating squirrel. Skunks During the cold winter months, skunks get comfy in their dens and torpor light hibernation in the company of their close family. During their few month torpor, they occasionally wake up and come out to scrounge up something to eat. Hamsters Many a loving pet owner have cried out in dismay when they found their hamsters dead, only to learn they were actually in torpor a light hibernation. Once those hamsters were rustled about, they probably awoke pretty grouchy and scared. Hamsters hate being awoken from this state. In addition, the sudden disturbance can cause a heart attack, literally scaring them to death. Hamsters torpor for a few days to a week at one time when the weather is cold. They will only torpor if there is plenty of food nearby so they can snack during brief waking bouts. They also are really good at surviving cold weather. Depending on the species of prairie dog and the area it lives in, it either hibernates or goes into torpor. White-tailed prairie dogs hibernate through the winter. Black-tailed prairie dogs go into torpor for a few days at a time, and only hibernate on rare occasions during extreme cold weather conditions. Bats Bats are interesting for so many reasons. Bats go into a true hibernation, meaning they are in such a deep sleep that they may appear to be dead. Depending on the species of bat, it either hibernates alone or in a group. Hedgehogs Hedgehogs hibernate anywhere from a few weeks to six months, depending on the weather. During hibernation, their heart rate drops almost 90 percent. They wake briefly if their body temperatures drop too low and let their waking heart rate warm their bodies up before going back into hibernation. Hedgehogs also go into estivation when the weather is really hot. Estivation is like hibernation, except for it takes place during hot weather, instead of cold weather. When the weather is scorching hot, who can blame a hedgehog for passing out for a while? Bears When people think of animals that hibernate, bears are often the first animals they think about. They are more like light hibernators. Instead of hibernating, bears go into what is called a torpor. The main difference between a torpor and a hibernation is that during a torpor the animal is easily awoken. Bears go into a torpor during the winter months only if they live in cold areas. Did You Know Female bears can completely give birth to and nurse their young during torpor. But, we have highlighted some of the most interesting hibernators.

6: Mammals for Kids: Learn about animals and what is a mammal.

Both. Mammals are a subset of animals. Scientists and philosophers have always looked for methods to classify living things. In the 1700s, a Swede by the Latinized name of Carl Linnaeus formalized a system to name, rank, and classify organisms into hierarchical groups called taxa (sing. taxon).

When you think of an animal it is likely to be a mammal. Cats and dogs are mammals. So are such farm animals as cattle, goats, hogs, and horses. Mammals also include such fascinating animals as porcupines, gorillas, giraffes, rhinoceroses and kangaroos. Mammals are found to exist all over the world in all different climates. Mammals such as chimpanzees and elephants dwell in tropical regions. Arctic foxes, polar bears and many other mammals make their home near the North Pole. Camels and coyotes live in deserts. Some mammals even live in the sea such as dolphins, seals and whales. One group of mammals, the bats, can fly.

Characteristics of a Mammal These characteristics are common to all mammals: Mammals nurse their babies. Most mammals give their young more protection and training than do other animals. Only mammals have hair. All mammals have hair at some time in their life, though in certain whales it is present only before birth. Their body temperature remains about the same all the time, even though the temperature of their surroundings may change. Birds are also warm-blooded, but animal groups such as fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians are not. Mammals have a larger, more well-developed brain than do other animals. Some mammals, such as chimpanzees, dolphins, and especially human beings, are highly intelligent. Mammals are able to move around using limbs. Warm-Blooded Humans are warm-blooded animals, so are all other mammals, to a certain extent, and birds. However warm blood is not really the question, many reptiles have blood far warmer than ours, but only on hot days. In fact, blood temperature is merely a reflection of body temperature. The important thing about mammals and birds is that they maintain a constant internal temperature. This is called being homeothermic and it involves not just generating your own heat when the surrounding temperature is low, but also finding ways to cool down when the ambient temperature is too high. Reptiles and many other animals, particularly most insects live at the temperature of the world around them - cold when it is cold and hot when it is hot - this is called poikilothermy, or being poikilothermic. Endothermy means generating heat internally. All mammals are endothermic and most are homeothermic. Mammals maintain their inner temperature by burning food oxidation through digestion and they stay cool by sweating, panting and changing postures and place in the world. Sweating and panting work by generating heat loss through evaporating water; changing posture allows mammals to control to some extent the heat absorbed from the world around them; while changing position simply means seeking shade or shelter when it is too hot. Being warm-blooded gives mammals a distinct advantage in many habitats, allowing them to be active when reptiles are hardly able to move. It also allows mammals to live in habitats where reptiles cannot live at all, such as the arctic, mountain tops, etc. The reason behind this is that muscle activity is basically dependent on chemical reactions, as are all biological functions. Chemical reactions run slowly when it is cold, but quickly when it is hot. This is because heat is the same as energy. The more energy you have, the faster the chemical reaction occurs. In the early mammals being endothermic probably allowed them to be active at night when competing reptiles were forced to rest or be sluggish. Only mammals sweat, but not all mammals have the same number of sweat glands.

Hair Skin and hair cover the body of mammals. Skin consists of an inner layer, the dermis, and an outer layer, the epidermis. The dermis contains the arteries and veins that supply the skin with blood. The epidermis, which has no blood vessels, protects the dermis. It also produces special skin structures such as hair, horns, claws, nails and hoofs. Many mammals have two coats of hair. The underhair consists of soft, fine hairs that provide a thick, warm coat. Hair serves many purposes. There are basically four different types of body coverings that mammals possess. Some mammals have specialized guard hairs, such as the quills on a porcupine or spiny anteater, that provide protection from enemies. But the main purpose of hair is to keep the animal warm. Other mammals such as people, horses and gorillas, have hair. Many mammals have thick fur such as grizzly bears, cats, dogs, lions and tigers. Bristles are found on the backs of wild hogs and boars. Dolphins and whales, which lack body hair, have a thick layer of fat that provides warmth. Other mammals with little hair, such as

elephants and rhinoceroses, live in warm climates. Mammals have to eat a lot to maintain their high body temperature. Diets vary from genus to genus. There are four basic types of mammalian diets. Carnivores meat eaters - including whales and dolphins , dogs , tigers , lions , and others Omnivores eat plants and meat - people, some bears , and others. Insectivores eat insects - aardvarks , anteaters , pangolins , and others. Limbs and Movement Mammals have different ways of moving around. Bat are able to fly through the use of wings. They are the only mammals that can actually fly. Flying lemurs, flying phalangers, and flying squirrels cannot actually fly. These mammals have a fold of skin between the forelimb and hindlimb on each side of the body. By stretching out these "wings," the animals can glide from tree to tree. Other mammals walk using legs such as cats, dogs, horses, apes and of course, people. Other mammals, particularly marine mammals, move through the use of flippers. These animals include sea otters, dolphins, seals, walruses and whales. Some mammals even have fins! The Fin whale is the second largest animal on earth and can reach a length of up to 27 metres. The whale has a dorsal fin on the rear half of its back.

7: Human (Homo Sapiens Sapiens) - Animals - A-Z Animals

A person who specializes in the study of animals is called a zoologist. Zoologists who study certain kinds of animals have their own names. Anthropologists study human beings. Entomologists study insects. Herpetologists study reptiles and amphibians. Ichthyologists specialize in fish. Malacologists study mollusks, like snails and clams.

A flat paddle-shaped limb that many aquatic mammals have. Fluke Many whales and their relatives have a rubbery tail flipper which is known as a fluke. Foetus A developing animal that is nearing the time of birth. Food Chain An animal food chain is the sequence of who eats whom within an ecosystem in order for each animal to obtain nutrition. A food chain starts with the primary energy source, which is usually the sun and the food chain is then connected by a series of organisms that eat each other, in turn. The food chain starts with the sun and is then followed by the primary producers, then the primary consumer, then the secondary consumer, followed by the tertiary consumer and finishing with the quaternary consumer which is generally an animal that is eaten by nothing else and is therefore the end of the food chain. Food chains are never the same as each ecosystem contains different organisms within it. If one part of the food chain is missing then there will be high population levels in the links before the missing part of the food chain, as nothing is eating them, and there will also be lower population levels in the links after the missing part in the food chain, as those animals have nothing to eat. The food chain is then said to be out of balance, so it is crucial for food chains to remain unaltered in order for balance within the animal kingdom to remain. Primary Producer Primary producers are those organisms that require nothing but the natural resources of the Earth in order to thrive and survive. Primary producers tend to be plants that are photosynthetic and these plants use the energy provided by sunlight in order to make their own food using a process called photosynthesis. Other primary consumers include bacteria that make their own food using chemicals that are produced in natural vents in the ocean. Primary producers are also known as autotrophs and are vital to the survival of the animals that follow in the next stages of the food chain. Primary Consumer The primary consumers are the next stage in the food chain behind the sun and the primary producers. The primary consumers are the herbivorous animals of the world and consume the primary producers autotrophs in order to gain their nutrition. For example, an insect primary consumer will eat the seeds and sprouts that are provided by grass primary producer. Primary consumers are also known as heterotrophs. Secondary Consumer The secondary consumers link in with the food chain as they are the omnivorous animals that eat the primary consumers and the secondary consumers will occasionally eat the primary producers in order to supplement their diet. For example, a rat secondary consumer will eat an insect primary consumer that has gained its nutrition from eating the grass primary producer. Secondary consumers are also known as heterotrophs. Tertiary Consumer The secondary consumers are followed by the tertiary consumers, the tertiary consumers tend to be the smaller carnivores of the animal kingdom. The tertiary consumers only eat meat and therefore really on the consistency of the secondary consumer populations in order to continue to thrive as a species. For example, a snake tertiary consumer will eat a rat secondary consumer that has gained its nutrition from eating an insect primary consumer , and the insect has gained its nutrition from eating the grass primary producer. Tertiary consumers are also known as heterotrophs. Quaternary Consumer The final part to the food chain are the quaternary consumers, and these are the animals that tend to be large carnivores and dominant predators within their natural environment. Quaternary consumers generally have few, if any, natural predators at all and this tends to be where the food chain ends. For example, an eagle quaternary consumer will eat a snake tertiary consumer , that has eaten a rat secondary consumer , that has eaten an insect primary consumer , that has eaten the grass primary producer that has used the energy from the sun in order to make food.

8: Glossary - Reference - A-Z Animals

The fisher (Pekania pennanti) is a small, carnivorous mammal native to North America. www.enganchecubano.com is a member of the mustelid family (commonly referred to as the weasel family), and is in the monospecific genus Pekania.

Back to Animals What makes an animal a mammal? Mammals are a particular class of animal. What makes an animal a mammal are several things. First, they must have glands that give milk. This is to feed their babies. Second, they are warm-blooded. Third, all mammals have fur or hair. Humans are mammals and so are dogs, whales, elephants, and horses. Where do they live? Mammals live in all sorts of environments including the ocean, underground, and on land. Some mammals, bats for example, can even fly. Three Types of Mammals Mammals are sometimes divided into three types based on how they give birth and take care of their young. Live young - Most mammals give birth to live young instead of laying eggs like birds or reptiles. These mammals are called placental mammals. Marsupials - Marsupials are special types of mammals that carry their young in a pouch. Some marsupials include the kangaroo, the koala, and the opossum. Egg laying - A few mammals lay eggs, they are called monotremes. Monotremes include the platypus and the long-nosed spiny anteater. Largest and Smallest Mammals The largest mammal is the Blue Whale which lives in the ocean and can grow to over 80 feet long. The largest land mammal is the elephant followed by the rhino and the hippo which does spend a lot of time in the water. This bat is 1. It is also called the bumblebee bat. Mammals Are Smart Mammals have unique brains and are often very intelligent. Humans are the most intelligent. Other intelligent mammals include the dolphin, the elephant, the chimpanzee, and the pig. What do they eat? Mammals that eat meat are called carnivores. Carnivores include lions, tigers, seals, and the largest carnivore mammal which is the polar bear. Mammals that eat only plants are called herbivores. Some herbivores are cows, elephants, and giraffes. Mammals that eat both meat and plants are called omnivores. They use it to clean their own ears. A hard working mole can dig a hole up to feet deep over night. As slow as once every 6 seconds. Beavers can hold their breath for up to 15 minutes. There are over 4,000 species of mammals. Cheetahs can run as fast as 70 miles per hour.

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These animals are called amphibians (capable of living in water and on land). The detailed informaton can be seen at following link: [Amphibian](#). The list of different species can be found in [List of amphibians](#).

What color is an ocelot? Yellow with black markings. Which type of animals have more teeth, reptiles or mammals? A cow normally has how many teats? What is the only venomous snake found in Britain? What type of leaves does a Koala use for food? What type of animal is the main source of food for a mole? What is another name for a Guinea Pig? What kind of animals live in an apiary? Celeste was the wife of which fictional animal? What were the names of the two bears that lived in Jellystone park? Yogi and Boo Boo. What is the name for a collection of frogs? What kind of animal was "Gentle Ben" on the TV show? A female donkey is called a what? On a common lady bug, what color are the spots? Which subhuman primate is the most intelligent? A mandrill is what type of creature? The most Asian elephants to be found in their natural habitat can be found in what country? Which animal is the fastest, a hare, greyhound, or horse? What type of animal is a Tasmanian Devil? Which sense is the weakest sense in most primates? Sika, fallow, and Roe, are what types of animal? Animals living in what type of habitat are arboreal animals? In or amongst trees. What type of animal produces gossamer? What kind of animal is the source of mohair? What land mammal other than man has the longest lifespan? Lupus is the Latin name for what animal? Michael Bond created what famous bear? A horse named Black Bess was ridden by who? What kind of animals were Chi Chi and An An? In the Jungle Book, what kind of creature was Baloo? How do bees communicate with each other? A stoat produces fur called what? What type of insect eats its mate after mating? Coral and algae have what kind of relationship? What is the name of the largest land animal? When caterpillar changes into an adult butterfly what is the change called? The study of animals is given the name of what? What type of mammals fly using echolocation? How many types of panda are there? Two, the giant and the lesser. The longest beetle in the world is how long? Animals without backbones are called what? An earthworm has how many hearts? A fluke is what kind of animal? The spots on a plaice are what color? An abalone is what kind of animal? The study of birds eggs is called what? What is the offspring of a mare and a male ass called? On a rabbit where would you find a scut? In Thailand, what is the sacred animal? Alphabetically, what animal comes first in the Chinese horoscope? Alphabetically, what animal comes last in the Chinese horoscope? What type of animal is the symbol of medicine? Which type of semi aquatic animal is a lutra-lutra? What animals make a sound called nuzzing? What animal is the symbol of long life in Korea? A Curry Comb is used on what type of creature? The llama belongs to what family to what family of animals? Eskimos call what kind of creature a nanook? Which animal has the longest lifespan in captivity? What animal pollinates banana plants in the wild? A fennec is what type of animal? What kind of creature always gives birth to same sex twins? The Suidae family is made up of what animals? A markhor is what type of animal? What type of insect has the best eyesight? What form was the Egyptian god Sobek? How many humps does an African camel have? What is the animal with the Latin name "syncerus caffer"? A Quagga is an extinct animal that was a distant cousin to which animal that exists today? What does a carpophagus animal feed on? Which animal has rectangular pupils? What kind of animal mates only once for 12 hours and can sleep for three years?

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