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Carolina wren, wild turkey State mammal: White-tailed deer State reptile: Loggerhead sea turtle State amphibian: Spotted salamander State fish: Striped bass State insect: Carolina mantis South Carolina is a coastal state, and like most other coastal states, it has marine animals and terrestrial animals in a good variety. Much of the state is sandy. The coast plain, of course, is very flat and has the vegetation characteristic of coarse soil. Further inland, however, there is still sand; dunes from what used to be the coast millions of years ago rise up in the middle of the state. Forests and fields are ample, and a small corner of the region contains peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains. South Carolina is typically hot and humid, but the winter can be quite cool and snow is occasionally seen. South Carolina, with its fairly consistent temperatures, is home to many different reptiles, including the alligator. Other reptiles of note are the various venomous snakes in the region. South Carolina has copperhead snakes, cottonmouth snakes, coral snakes, and several species of rattlesnakes. These serpents are found in all regions of the state, though they are not as common on the coastal plain. The state has many large predators including red wolves, grey wolves, and mountain lions. Coyotes are common statewide, and black bear are also widely distributed around South Carolina. With the large predators are also the common nuisance animals found around the country. South Carolina has rats, a huge selection of mouse species, armadillos, bats, skunks, raccoons, and squirrels. Being a coastal state, South Carolina has marine animals like whales, dolphins, and porpoises, frequently spotted in the waters off the coast. Many of these animals are present year-round, and invite a slew of tourists to come and visit the sandy beaches. Tourists generally mean free food for seagulls, the most common nuisance animal for people on the shore. At one time, many years ago, South Carolina had native bison. The large grazers have all but vanished from the East Coast, and most of the herds present are privately owned. Wild bison are still found in the Great Plains, but their numbers are significantly reduced from what they were hundreds of years ago. Elk were also once native to South Carolina. Deforestation and heavy influx of people drove the animals out of the state years ago. Now, white-tailed deer are the predominant grazing animal in the wild. This masked animal is fairly common in Charleston, SC. They frequently raid trash cans and steal pet food. They also often choose to live in the attic or chimney of your home. We offer Charleston raccoon removal. Squirrels are often a pest in Charleston. They love to live in an attic, and will chew on wood or electrical wires. They are agile creatures, and live throughout the state of South Carolina. Call Expel Wildlife Solutions if you need squirrel removal in Charleston. You may spot this animal in Charleston at night time, perhaps rooting through your garbage. The possum is a great South Carolina survivor, and not all that ugly. There are many species of snakes in Charleston, but few are venomous. If you need help identifying snakes of South Carolina, browse this site or give us a call at We at Expel Wildlife Solutions can provide Charleston snake control any time you need us. They contaminate food and love to live in the walls or attic of a home. Expel Wildlife Solutions can get rid of them once and for all. Bats are special animals, and found throughout South Carolina. They are good creatures and eat a lot of insects, but if you have an infestation of bats in your home or building, you can give us a call for professional Charleston bat removal and control. We are experts with all kinds of SC wildlife. If you need Charleston pigeon control, geese or other bird removal, we can help. Expel Wildlife Solutions also provides dead animal removal services. The company specializes in nuisance animal control. Vice President Lenny Beck joined the Company in , and has over two decades of experience. We are very thorough. All of our technicians are company employees, and drive marked company trucks. We even offer hour emergency service. The company also addresses all stinging insect problems, including bees, wasps, hornets, and yellow jackets. Olstein says, "We conduct business the old-fashioned way. Customer satisfaction is priority number one. Charleston Wildlife Tip Does an opossum make a good pet? The cute opossum might seem like a great idea to have as a pet when you first catch one in your yard or home, but the reality of the situation could be very different. For example, did you know that an opossum needs a very specific diet, with specific amounts and ratios of

calcium and phosphorous? Not many people know this, and this just one of the problems that can be encountered when keeping this wild animal as a pet. On top of this, the animal can play dead, become aggressive, and much more besides. Then there are the legal matters to deal with. Are you still sure that you want a pet opossum now? If you do not feed your pet opossum the right diet, it could contract something called metabolic bone disease, or MBD. This is a potentially life threatening condition, that in the most severe cases can cause death, but in the milder forms can create problems such as anorexia, weakness and an ability to move or grip, brittle bones, bow-legs and much more besides. Did you know that in many states across America, it is actually illegal to first, catch and release certain wild animals, and secondly, to keep them and raise certain wild animals as pets. Wildlife - Rabies-infested flying mammal bites citizen Bats may be a traditional Halloween decoration, but Charleston residents who encounter the winged creatures should limit their contact to those animals made of rubber. South Carolina has an abundance of wildlife, and Charleston is no exception. Three of the animals were found in the past month. Although several species of wildlife roam Charleston, only a few, such as raccoons and squirrels and rats are considered pest wildlife. Members of the Hub City community should not dismiss contact with a bat as insignificant, said Charles Barton, physician in the Covenant Medical Center emergency room. Bats who come out in the middle of the day, approach humans or appear ill should be avoided and immediately reported. We do not operate Charleston wildlife rescue, but are a privately owned nuisance wildlife removal service company. If you need a pro in Charleston to solve your problem for you, call Expel Wildlife Solutions:

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**General features Diversity** The evolution of the class Mammalia has produced tremendous diversity in form and habit. Living kinds range in size from a bat weighing less than a gram and tiny shrews weighing but a few grams to the largest animal that has ever lived, the blue whale, which reaches a length of more than 30 metres feet and a weight of metric tons nearly short [U. Every major habitat has been exploited by mammals that swim, fly, run, burrow, glide, or climb. The rodents order Rodentia are the most numerous of existing mammals, in both number of species and number of individuals, and are one of the most diverse of living lineages. In contrast, the order Tubulidentata is represented by a single living species, the armadillo. The Uranotheria elephants and their kin and Perissodactyla horses, rhinoceroses, and their kin are examples of orders in which far greater diversity occurred in the late Paleogene and Neogene periods about 30 million to about 3 million years ago than today. The greatest present-day diversity is seen in continental tropical regions, although members of the class Mammalia live on or in seas adjacent to all major landmasses. Mammals can also be found on many oceanic islands, which are principally, but by no means exclusively, inhabited by bats. Major regional faunas can be identified; these resulted in large part from evolution in comparative isolation of stocks of early mammals that reached these areas. South America the Neotropics, for example, was separated from North America the Nearctic from about 65 million to 2. Some of the latter became extinct as the result of competition with more advanced groups, whereas those in South America flourished, some radiating to the extent that they have successfully competed with invaders since the rejoining of the two continents. Australia provides a parallel case of early isolation and adaptive radiation of mammals specifically the monotremes and marsupials, although it differs in that Australia was not later connected to any other landmass. The placental mammals that reached Australia rodents and bats evidently did so by island-hopping long after the adaptive radiation of the mammals isolated early on. Faunal realms and major regions of the world. In contrast, North America and Eurasia the Palearctic are separate landmasses but have closely related faunas as the result of having been connected several times during the Pleistocene Epoch 2. Their faunas frequently are thought of as representing not two distinct units but one, related to such a degree that a single name, Holarctic, is applied to it. Importance to humans Wild and domesticated mammals are so interlocked with our political and social history that it is impractical to attempt to assess the relationship in precise economic terms. Throughout our own evolution, for example, humans have depended on other mammals for food and clothing. Domestication of mammals helped to provide a source of protein for ever-increasing human populations and provided means of transportation and heavy work as well. Today, domesticated strains of the house mouse, European rabbit, guinea pig, hamster, gerbil, and other species provide much-needed laboratory subjects for the study of human-related physiology, psychology, and a variety of diseases from dental caries to cancer. The study of nonhuman primates monkeys and apes has opened broad new areas of research relevant to human welfare. The care of domestic and captive mammals is, of course, the basis for the practice of veterinary medicine. In addition, hunting, primarily for sport, of various rodents, lagomorphs, carnivores, and ungulates is a multibillion-dollar enterprise. In the United States alone, for example, it is estimated that more than two million deer are harvested annually by licensed hunters. Geopolitically, the quest for marine mammals was responsible for the charting of a number of areas in both Arctic and Antarctic regions. The presence of terrestrial furbearers, particularly beavers and several species of mustelid carnivores e. Ranch-raised animals such as the mink, fox, and chinchilla are also important to the fur industry, which directly and indirectly accounts for many millions of dollars in revenue each year in North America alone. Aside from pelts and meat, special parts of some mammals regularly have been sought for their special attributes. Rhinoceros horn is used for concocting potions in eastern Asia; ivory from elephants and walrus is highly prized; and ambergris, a substance regurgitated by sperm whales, was once widely used as a base for perfumes. Some mammals are directly detrimental to human activities. House rats and mice of Old World origin now occur

virtually throughout the world and each year cause substantial damage and economic loss. Herbivorous mammals may eat or trample crops and compete with livestock for food, and native carnivores sometimes prey on domestic herds. Not only do they have an impact on food resources, but mammals are also important reservoirs or agents of transmission of a variety of diseases that afflict man, such as plague, tularemia, yellow fever, rabies, leptospirosis, Lyme disease, hemorrhagic fevers such as Ebola, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Many large mammals have been extirpated entirely or exist today only in parks and zoos; others are in danger of extinction, and their plight is receiving increased attention from a number of conservation agencies. By the early 21st century, the International Union for Conservation of Nature IUCN reported that nearly one-quarter of all mammals are at risk of extinction. The single greatest threat to these mammals is the continued destruction of their habitat; however, many species are also aggressively hunted. The IUCN classifies each imperiled mammal into one of the following categories: These large up to 10 metres, or 33 feet, long, inoffensive marine mammals evidently lived only along the coasts and shallow bays of the Komandor Islands in the Bering Sea. Discovered in 1791, they were easily killed by Russian sealers and traders for food, their meat being highly prized, and the last known live individual was taken in 1824. Of final note is the aesthetic value of wild mammals and the relatively recent expense of considerable energy and resources to study and, if possible, conserve vanishing species, to set aside natural areas where native floral and faunal elements can exist in an otherwise highly agriculturalized or industrialized society, and to establish modern zoological parks and gardens.

**Natural history** The hallmarks of the mammalian level of organization are advanced reproduction and parental care, behavioral flexibility, and endothermy the physiological maintenance of a relatively constant body temperature independent of that of the environment, allowing a high level of activity. Within the class, ecological diversity has resulted from adaptive specialization in food acquisition, habitat preferences, and locomotion. The earliest mammals were small, active, predaceous, and terrestrial or semiarboreal. From this primitive stock mammals have radiated into a wide spectrum of adaptive modes against the background of the diverse environment of the Cenozoic Era the last 66 million years. Branches of the ancestral terrestrial stock early exploited the protection and productivity of the trees, whereas other lineages added further dimensions to the mammalian spectrum by adapting to life beneath the ground, in the air, and in marine and freshwater habitats.

**Reproduction** Estrus and other cycles In reproductively mature female mammals, an interaction of hormones from the pituitary gland and the ovaries produces a phenomenon known as the estrous cycle. Estrus is preceded by proestrus, during which ovarian follicles mature under the influence of a follicle-stimulating hormone from the anterior pituitary. The follicular cells produce estrogen, a hormone that stimulates proliferation of the uterine lining, or endometrium. Following ovulation, in late estrus, the ruptured ovarian follicle forms a temporary endocrine gland known as the corpus luteum. Another hormone, progesterone, secreted by the corpus luteum, causes the endometrium to become quiescent and ready for implantation of the developing egg blastocyst, should fertilization occur. In members of the infraclass Eutheria placental mammals, the placenta, as well as transmitting nourishment to the embryo, has an endocrine function, producing hormones that maintain the endometrium throughout gestation. In mammals, eggs are released by the ovaries. If the egg meets a sperm cell, it may become fertilized. The fertilized egg travels to the uterus, where it grows and develops into a new individual. If fertilization and implantation do not occur, a phase termed metestrus ensues, in which the reproductive tract assumes its normal condition. Metestrus may be followed by anestrus, a nonreproductive period characterized by quiescence or involution of the reproductive tract. On the other hand, anestrus may be followed by a brief quiescent period diestrus and another preparatory proestrus phase. Mammals that breed only once a year are termed monestrous and exhibit a long anestrus; those that breed more than once a year are termed polyestrous. In many polyestrous species the estrous cycle ceases during gestation and lactation milk production, but some rodents have a postpartum estrus and mate immediately after giving birth. The menstrual cycle of higher primates is derived from the estrous cycle but differs from estrus in that when progesterone secretion from the corpus luteum ceases, in the absence of fertilization, the uterine lining is sloughed. Monotremes lay shelled eggs, but the ovarian cycle is similar to that of other mammals. The eggs are predominantly yolk telolecithal, like those of reptiles and birds. Young monotremes hatch in a relatively early stage of development and are dependent upon the parent

altricial. They reach sexual maturity in about one year. The reproduction of marsupials differs from that of placentals in that the uterine wall is not specialized for the implantation of embryos. The period of intrauterine development varies from about 8 to 40 days. After this period the young migrate through the vagina to attach to the teats for further development. The pouch, or marsupium, is variously structured. Many species, such as kangaroos and opossums, have a single well-developed pouch; in some phalangerids cuscuses and brush-tailed possums, the pouch is compartmented, with a single teat in each compartment. The South American caenolestids, or rat opossums, have no marsupium. The young of most marsupials depend on maternal care through the pouch for considerable periods, 13 to 14 weeks in the North American, or Virginia opossum *Didelphis virginiana*. Young koalas are carried in the pouch for nearly 8 months, kangaroos to 10 months. Implantation, gestation, and birth

Reproductive patterns in placental mammals are diverse, but in all cases a secretory phase is present in the uterine cycle, and the endometrium is maintained by secretions of progesterone from the corpus luteum. The blastocyst implants in the uterine wall. Villi are embedded in the lining of the uterus. The resulting complex of embryonic and maternal tissues is a true placenta. Placentas have been classified on the basis of the relationship between maternal and embryonic tissues. In the simplest nondeciduate placental arrangement, the chorionic villi are in contact with uterine epithelium the inner surface layer. In advanced stages of pregnancy in rabbits, even the chorionic epithelium is eroded, and the embryonic endothelium contacts the maternal blood supply. In no case, however, is there actual exchange of blood between mother and fetus; nutrients and gases must still pass through the walls of the fetal blood vessels. The period of intrauterine development, or gestation, varies widely among eutherians, generally depending on the size of the animal but also influenced by the number of young per litter and the condition of young at birth. The gestation period of the golden hamster is about 2 weeks, whereas that of the blue whale is 11 months and that of the African elephant 21 to 22 months. At birth the young may be well-developed and able to move about at once precocial, or they may be blind, hairless, and essentially helpless altricial. In general, precocial young are born after a relatively long gestation period and in a small litter. Hares and many large grazing mammals bear precocial offspring. Rabbits, carnivores, and most rodents bear altricial young. After birth young mammals are nourished by milk secreted by the mammary glands of the female. The development of milk-producing tissue in the female mammae is triggered by conception, and the stimulation of suckling the newborn prompts copious lactation. In therians marsupials and placentals the glands open through specialized nipples. Milk consists of fat, protein especially casein, and lactose milk sugar, as well as vitamins and salts. The actual composition of milk of mammals varies widely among species. The milk of whales and seals is some 12 times as rich in fats and 4 times as rich in protein as that of domestic cows but contains almost no sugar. Milk provides an efficient energy source for the rapid growth of young mammals; the weight at birth of some marine mammals doubles in five days.

Behaviour Social behaviour The dependence of the young mammal on its mother for nourishment has made possible a period of training. Such training permits the nongenetic transfer of information between generations. The ability of young mammals to learn from the experience of their elders has allowed a behavioral plasticity unknown in any other group of organisms and has been a primary reason for the evolutionary success of mammals. The possibility of training is one of the factors that has made increased brain complexity a selective advantage. Increased associational potential and memory extend the possibility of learning from experience, and the individual can make adaptive behavioral responses to environmental change. Individual response to short-term change is far more efficient than genetic response.

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