

**My Animal Report**

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## **Facts About My Animal**

**Describe your animal-Is it a bird, reptile, amphibian, mammal, or fish? What kind of covering does it have?, What color is it? How does it move?**

## **My Animal's Habitat**

**Describe where your animal lives. What part of the world does your animal live in? Why does your animal live there? What kind of place does your animal live in? (jungle, grasslands, swamp, fresh water, ocean desert, plains) What is the climate like where your animal lives? Does your animal live in a group or alone?**

## **My Animal's Life Cycle**

**What does your animal look like when it is born? How big is it? How tall is it? How much does it weigh? Who takes care of it? How long does it stay with its parents? What kind of birth is it? (egg/live birth)**

## **How Does My Animal Survive?**

**What foods do my animal eat? How much food do they eat? What is their favorite food? How do they get their food? Is your animal a carnivore (meat eater), herbivore (plant eater), or an omnivore (both meat and plants)? How long will you animal live? Is the food hard or easy to find? What animals does it hunt? What animal is it hunted by? How does it protect itself?**

## Other Interesting Facts About My Animal

The \_\_\_\_\_ is an interesting  
animal. Here are  
three more facts I learned about the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### Closing

Tell why you chose to do your report on your animal  
and what you thought were the most interesting  
facts that you learned.

# Animals web pages

This page is one small part of [Good Sites for Kids!](#)



*Look for to see what's been added lately!*

[AKC for Kids](#) Mostly about how to care for dogs and puppies, some reproducibles. The American Kennel Club is the most reputable dog organization in the US. The [AKC list](#) of recognized breeds has much information about different dog breeds, would be useful for reports.

[Animal Diversity Web](#) from [University of Michigan](#). All about animals, from insects to humans. This site is at a junior high/grade 7 and up level.

[Animal Information](#) from SeaWorld/Busch Gardens has some sort of information on every animal. Students will need to be fluent readers. Younger kids will like Small Wonders (baby animals) and Animal Sounds the best. [Wildopedia](#) is a multimedia evolving reference. The keynote article was Adaptation when we looked, and they do a great job of explaining the concept. Just keep clicking the paw prints.

[Animal Kingdom](#) (new URL) from [Extreme Science](#). The animal section of the larger site. The most extreme animals.

[Animal Kingdom](#) from KidPort. Good, basic elementary level information about the members of the animal kingdom, with basic taxonomy (no big words).

[Animal Planet](#) is a place that's loaded with animal information and games! Their Petsource section has guides to cats, dogs, and other pets, cat and dog breed info, dog horoscopes (Whaaa?), games, and more! The Wild Animals section has an A to Z listing of animals, bird guides, mammal guides, butterfly guides, an [endangered species guide](#), and a lot more! The Games sections is stupendous fun for kids of all ages. All these things can be

reached from the golden menu bar near the top of the screen. *Thanks to Jessica the Opsmart Lady for this one.*

[Animals](#) from the BBC. Something about every sort of animal there is! "Find out more about your favourite animals, where and how they live..." Hundreds of mammals and birds, dozens of amphibians, reptiles, fish, mollusks, crustaceans, insects, other arthropods, echinoderms. A great reference for school reports or just to explore!

[Animals](#) (new URL) from [National Geographic](#). This is Nat Geo's animal site map page, with photos and facts about animals from aardvark to zebra. There are a lot of photos here.

[Animals at the Smithsonian's National Zoo](#) Oh yeah! You have GOT to see this site to believe it! Stunning amounts of highly organized information presented so wonderfully! You come away with the same feelings you have after watching a good movie.

[Animals](#) section of [KidsKnowIt](#). Big list of animals and facts.

[Archosaurs](#) is about dinosaurs, crocodiles, birds, and all their diapsid relatives, both living and extinct. Part of UC Berkeley's gigantic tree of life web site complex (more on that below.) This is for older kids.

[Arthropod Story](#) "This interactive investigation delves into the amazing world of the arthropods..." Simple language and lots of pictures. From UC Berkeley.

[Australian Animals](#) Nice, easy to use site with lots of photos, and descriptions of how the animals interact with humans. Many links to related animal sites.

[Australian Animals - Our Animals](#) For younger students. Has lots of photos and information at a lower reading level (still good, though.) From the ABC, Australia's answer to the BBC.

[Australian Fauna](#) "No rubbish, just fair dinkum Aussie animal info." "A magnificent site loaded with free information, a true asset to the Internet in Australia, and researchers Worldwide." This really is a good site for research, as it has a lot of information. Easy to use, animals in alphabetical order, too.

[Bagheera](#) Named after Mowgli's panther friend. One of the oldest endangered species sites, still a very good resource.

[Bats of Jewel Cave](#) (new URL) Very good information on bats! Jewel Cave is in the southern Black Hills of South Dakota, near Wyoming. It is one of the longest caves in the world.

[Bear Cam](#) is back for 2012! Lily the Bear returns, along with Faith, and introducing "Jewel of the Northwoods". Jewel may have cubs real soon! From the Wildlife Research Institute in Ely, Minnesota.

[Big Cats Online](#) Medium and small wild cats, too. Get the facts on all of them here.

Zoom [Birds](#) Like the rest of Enchanted Learning, this is a fine kid learning site, with a lot of good information about birds. If you find yourself using Enchanted Learning sites a lot, please subscribe.

[Birds in the Classroom](#) from the Fernbank Ornithology Center in Atlanta. The frame on the left side of the page (pull it down to see it all) has links to pages on bird adaptations, anatomy and physiology, and bird behavior. Excellent site.

[Blue Planet Games](#) from BBC Blue Planet web site. Learn about the oceans and have fun doing it! If you haven't seen the Blue Planet DVD series, it's worth watching.

[Breeds of Livestock: Horses](#) This site will tell you everything you want to know about breeds of livestock, from cattle to pigs, from camels to yaks! Has links to poultry, too. Our link goes to horses because girls like them best.

[Buffalo \(Bison\) Education](#) from the [InterTribal Bison Cooperative](#). From the original people of the bison comes this excellent educational resource. Learn the [Traditional Uses of the Buffalo](#) with a comprehensive printable .pdf chart. Learn why [Buffalo Are Sacred](#). Learn buffalo facts and the [Historical and Cultural Connection to the Buffalo](#). Find out about buffalo [Meat & Nutrition](#). Play the [Buffalo Brain Busters](#) game.

[Butser Ancient Farm](#) Iron Age farm animals. Lots of photos and info about ancient farm animals from all over Europe that are kept at Butser.

Many are endangered. These are the same breeds that ancient farmers kept thousands of years ago. To see the animals, go to the right-hand side of the page, go down to the button that says Animals, and click it.

Here I am sneaking up on prey, like my ancient ancestors.

[Butterfly Guide](#) Captain's European Butterfly Guide "A Photographic Guide to Europe's Butterflies" has photos and info on butterflies of the UK, rest of Europe, and North Africa. Great resource, many photos.

[Butterfly Utopia](#) is a commercial site offering mounted butterflies. Obviously not in their natural state, but the photos are beautiful! Twelve pages with 21 different butterflies per page. Has some info about each. Excellent source for photos and species names.

[Butterfly Website](#) has photos of butterflies and caterpillars worldwide, arranged by families. Also has links to other butterfly sites.

Monarch [Butterfly](#) photos from [fohn.net](#). Good natural photos of monarch butterflies with more info on each page.

Zoom [Butterflies](#) is all about butterflies and moths, species, pictures, a dictionary, lots of printables and activities for kids.

[Camel Spiders](#) are not true spiders. Related to spiders and scorpions, 900 known species of wind scorpions, sun spiders and camel spiders live in deserts worldwide. Site also has some **really hairy scary photos** of camel spiders in places from Arizona to Iraq.

[Canine Corner](#) from the San Diego Natural History Museum. Woof! "Discover domestic dogs and their wild cousins. Bite-sized facts about dogs and wild dogs!" Also has a glossary and links.

Here's the fierce dog and her duck!

[Carolina Wild Dogs](#) are North America's original native dogs! These tough, shy survivors may be related to Australian Dingos. They can still be found in wild places in the southeast US. There are other primitive "yellow dogs" and "pariah dogs" still holding out in obscure places worldwide. They probably are the wild ancestors of many of our modern dog breeds.



[Cat Breed Profiles](#) from CatChannel. Information on many breeds of house cats, including photos and what makes each breed special.

[Cat Species](#) Photos and information about 36 wild cat species (around 50 or so exist). Everything from lions and tigers to Borneo Bay Cats and Kodkods. Also has links to sites that work to save endangered wild cats.  
From CatChannel.

[Cicada molting video](#) actually a short animated gif of a cicada climbing out of its shell and sprouting wings. Neat. Watch how the wings expand and harden.

[Cnidarians: Simple Animals with a Sting!](#) Good, easy to read information about jellyfish, coral, sea anemones, and hydroids. Now part of a larger site, [Wonders of the Sea](#).

[Cnidarians](#) from UMich's Animal Diversity Web. Higher-level information on the two types of cnidarians. (pronounced "nai-dare-ee-yans", the "c" is silent)

[Create a Bird](#) lets you design your own bird and post it on the site! Link goes to Beak Adaptations, the link to Feet Adaptations is near the top left of the page. From Norman Bird Sanctuary in Rhode Island.

[Creature Features](#) from [National Geographic Kids](#) > [Animals](#). Find out all about 128 animals by browsing, by taxo order, or by habitat. Clicking on thumbnails reveals photos and facts, videos, distribution maps, and printable fact sheets with a photo!

[Decorah Eagle Cam](#) from the Raptor Resource Project. This is the famous one from Iowa. Enjoy!

[Dragonflies!](#) Incredible dragonfly photos! Fantastic close ups of these colorful prehistoric survivors.

[Eagle Cams](#) from Hancock Wildlife in British Columbia. Three live webcams of bald eagles' nests with eggs and chicks! They also have a Biology Reference section with information about bald eagles and their nesting habits. Obviously these are seasonal.

[Ecology Asia](#) This fine Singapore site has photos and data for 300 different animals from Singapore and New Guinea. Perfect for those school animal reports.

[Elephant Odyssey](#) Be a baby mammoth! "On this journey through time, you'll learn the ways of mammoths and their modern day descendants, the elephants. - So let's go back 200,000 years and test your skills." Mother Mammoth trains you in the basic skills, including keyboard commands. You get three lives. Good luck! From the San Diego Zoo's new Elephant Odyssey exhibit.

[eNature Field Guides](#) "Search more than 5,500 species." Guides for animals and plants, too. Good information. This site is rich in ads as well as in information, so don't let kids be too "quick to click."

[Encyclopedia of Life](#) "Imagine an electronic page for each species of organism on Earth..." STUNNING new project from a group including the likes of Harvard University, the Field Museum, and the Smithsonian! Students and seekers of any age can type in the name of any living thing and (usually) see pictures and information! We had fun putting in names of plants, animals, and bacteria. Still a work in progress - had velociraptor pix and data, but nothing on Tyrannosaurus rex. Also has groups to join and ways you can help.

[Endangered Species - World Wildlife Fund](#) Part of larger site. Links to endangered animals on the left side of the page.

[Endangered species](#) Excellent endangered species site with a lot of information. Links to similar sites and a map to click on to see endangered species in your (US) state.

[Exmoor Pony](#) Learn about this Ice Age survivor, the oldest breed of horse in the UK, which lived wild for 60,000 years.

[Explore the River Interactive Game](#) from the [Amazon Voyage Exhibit](#) at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Stunning mural becomes an interactive exploration of the underwater animal life in the Amazon river system. Learn about fishes, reptiles, and mammals. Lots of information about all of them!

[exZOOberance - Celebrating the Animal Kingdom!](#) A good site for learning about plants and animals, with backyard tours.

[Hall of Mammals](#) One of the many, many entrances into UC Berkeley's truly immense web site about living things from the beginning of life on earth until now. This one starts off by explaining about the different types of mammals and their close (long extinct) relatives; who together make up the synapsids.

The [Horse](#) From the American Museum of Natural History. We hope they keep this site up past January! Anything you want to know about horses, ancient and modern, it's likely to be here. Beautiful pictures, too.

[Hummingbird Pictures Guide](#) Scroll down to see photos and information on 38 species of hummingbirds.

[Hummingbird webcam](#) "Phoebe, a Channel Islands Allen's Hummingbird, has a live webcam and eggs that are hatching soon." Sounds like fun. Hope the birds will be back in spring 2012!

[Insect Image Gallery](#) from Iowa State University's Dept. of Entomology has photos of most kinds of insects, with information on them.

[International Wolf Center](#) The International Wolf Center advances the survival of wolf populations by teaching about wolves, their relationship to wild lands and the human role in their future. The [Learn page](#) has areas for children (activities and reading), educators, and wolf facts. [Ambassador Wolves](#) has bios of the wolves, updated regularly. Each update includes a short video. Click "Video Link" under each entry to watch the videos. You can also watch three [webcams](#) of the wolf preserve.

[Invertebrate Notes](#) is a good intro to the major invertebrate phyla (but no water bears!) with a lot of clear and readable information.

[Jellyfish Facts](#) "Jellyfish Facts aims to provide information about jellyfish, helping people to understand these beautiful and interesting creatures. We have 6 sections, including Jellyfish Species List, Photo Gallery, and Jellyfish as Pets. Check us out!" We did. "Jellyfish Nate" is obviously fascinated by jellyfish, or jellies, as some now call them. Anything you want or need to know about them is on this well organized site. Even eating them, which is good because they're taking over much of the oceans.

[KidWings](#) "This site was designed to teach young and old about the wonders of birds. The most exciting part of the site is the [Virtual Owl](#)

[Pellet Dissection](#). Many interactive activities await you." Also features section on bird skulls, nests, feathers, beaks, feet, and "topography" for birders. Fun!

[Monterey Bay Aquarium Webcams](#) Six great webcams of sea creatures! We like them all, but the Outer Bay cam is simply astounding.

[Moth Life Cycle](#) AMAZING photo series of the life cycle of the giant cecropia moth from eggs to adults. It includes *wonderful* closeups of caterpillar stages, including photos of the moth developing inside the cocoon! Definitely educational!

[Mountain Lion Facts](#) Safety tips for what to do to discourage attacks by mountain lions. Sound advice from the Mountain Lion Foundation.

[National Geographic Kids](#) "Features different people, animals, and places each month with facts, games, activities, and related links." Well, hey, it's National Geographic. Very educational, and the games are fun, too.

[Nature Adventures](#) "Welcome to the home of the Emmy Nominated Television Series 'Nature Adventures With Terri And Todd', an educational and entertaining series created to showcase the beauty and wonder of the Midwest! Each season contains 13 fun, education-packed episodes. Terri Lawrenz and Todd Magnuson are your hosts!" They roam all over South Dakota and parts of adjacent states, checking out ecology and wildlife. The Online Learning section has all episodes from Seasons 1 and 2 are online as Flash videos! There are also resource links, video modules, photo galleries, and a glossary!

[Nature Malaysia](#) "Malaysia is located in the center of Southeast Asia, home to a vast range of tropical rainforest that teems with the wonders of nature. The amazing wildlife species found in this region have long been the fascination of researchers and explorers around the world." See all the amphibians and reptiles of this region by scrolling down the left-hand menu. Amazing photos and information on all sorts of snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs, salamanders, etc. Worth looking at!

[Netfrog](#) The original frog dissection online site from U of Virginia. Now with the old-time (1994) version AND a newer more multimedia version. It's like two for one good sites! Also see the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab's [Virtual Frog Dissection Kit](#) "This award-winning interactive program is part of the 'Whole Frog' project. You can interactively dissect a (digitized)

frog named **Fluffy**, and play the Virtual Frog Builder Game." **Your choice as to which site is better for your kids.**

[North American Bear Center](#) features various black bears studied by the good people in Ely, Minnesota. There are links to several den cams. Check out the rest of the site, too.

[Ocean Collection for Kids](#) This is a group of ocean sites for kids put together by faculty from Cal State LA. They cover ocean habitats, ocean mammals, and ocean fish. This is for elementary kids and has good simple explanations.

[Owl Box](#) Molly and McGee, the Barn Owls, have a nest of baby owls. Watch them raise and feed the kids, eat mice, and do other owly things. Hope they raise another brood in 2012!

[Owl Pellet Dissection](#) from [KidWings](#) features virtual own pellet dissection with Flash, also addition diisection activities with eight owls and three other birds.

[Panda Videos](#) from the Atlanta Zoo. These are archival videos and plenty of them, featuring cute pandas. Further down, there are more videos of other zoo animals. We have been running these in QuickTime. **Parents and teachers: Remember to have the kids close each window as they finish watching that video. Otherwise you will have 10 or 20 videos still running in background, and a very slow computer.**

[Raptor Adaptations](#) from the Delaware Valley Raptor Center. How do hawks, eagles, and their kin do the things they do so well? Information on raptor feet, beaks, eyes, and wings. (Scroll down a little past the poem)

[Red List of Threatened Species](#) "Life on Earth is disappearing fast and will continue to do so unless urgent action is taken. There are now 41,415 species on the IUCN Red List and 16,306 of them are threatened with extinction, up from 16,118 last year." Search the Red List for animals, birds, and plants [here](#).

[San Diego Zoo Animal Bytes](#) has animal facts, sounds, photos, videos, ecosystems, and habitats! Videos need Real Player.

[San Diego Zoo Kids Territory](#) has online games, crafts, Meet the Critters, and more!

[Sci4Kids: stories about bugs.](#) "Stories! Stories! Stories!" Tons of fun facts about "bugs!"

[Scorpions](#) and their relatives. Photos sent in from all over the world. Each "bug" is identified and discussed. Part of a larger site.

[Shamu Cam](#) Watch Shamu the Orca live.

[Shark Attack](#) - How to Avoid being attacked. Practical advice for all ages.

Zoom [Sharks!](#) Maybe the very best shark place for kids! But then, all the [Zoom](#) sites and activities are wonderful.

[Shark Classification](#) from The Dedicated Shark Site. Good information and plenty of it, with pictures of plenty of sharks, anatomy lesson, and a list of more sharks than you ever dreamed existed. Good job!

[Shark School](#) from the San Diego Natural History Museum. "Swim among some local sharks! Angle your way through fish and games. Explore ten shark species found in the waters off of southern California and northern Baja California." Shark FAQ's, anatomy, links, more.

[Shark - Who's Who of Sharks](#) Find out all about your favorite shark! Shark species arranged by their eight orders, or check the Species List, or try the Shark-a-Matic. From PBS Nova.

[Shark Word Search](#) from Florida Museum of Natural History. Easy to use. Needs javascript to run.

[Shedd Educational Adventures](#) (SEA) from the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. Lesson Plans, Interactives, and the Explorer's Guide! Interactives are the online learning games, indexed by grade level. We tried [Build a Fish](#) and it was fun!

[Snail biology](#) Everything you ever wanted to know about snails. Written at a secondary school level.

[Snow Leopards for Kids](#) " In it you will find answers to your questions about snow leopards. You will find photos and videos of snow leopards. You

will also find suggestions for things you can do to help save snow leopards.

We are also working on a section of "snow leopard" things to do that are just, plain fun...We are proud to receive the [MyReportLinks.com](http://MyReportLinks.com) Book Seal of Approval awarded to sites that are **especially valuable to students who are doing research for school reports.**" (Emphasis ours)

[Spiders!](#) This is a nice spider unit for lower elementary kids, with lesson plans ready to go.

[Splash Zone!](#) is another part of Monterey Bay Aquarium. Scroll down to play Crunch Nibble Gulp Bite or Make a Tide Pool Come to Life. Also check out the links to more wonderful places, on the left side of the page.

[Switcheroo Zoo](#) 146 animals! Animal List and Profiles. (Profiles are information about the animal.) "These animals inhabit Switch Zoo. Click any name to read the animal's profile. Make new animals in Switch Zoo by switching the animals' heads, legs and tails." Cute!

[Turkey Facts](#) from [KidZone](#). Plenty of facts, online puzzles, and coloring pages to print out.

[Virtual Roach](#) We love the things ya'll submit! This is from [Orkin](#), the famous pest control people. Nicely done 3D roach dissection helps students learn insect anatomy! "The Virtual Roach is a web resource focused on insect anatomy that was developed as a technical reference and an instructional tool. The interface for the system links morphological terms with an extensive image archive, including scientific illustrations, scanning electron micrographs, and photomicrographs. Images are linked in a manner permitting a detailed examination and virtual dissection of the American Cockroach." Yes, and it was fun to play with, too! Includes lesson ideas.

Thank you, Steve Clark of Orkin Pest Control.

[Water Bears](#) Also known as Tardigrades, these microscopic creatures are the toughest multicelled animals ever, able to withstand outer space, boiling, freezing, and radiation! They are also kind of cute. This site tells about them in easy to understand language.

[WhoZoo](#) from Texas Wesleyan University is our newest animal site. It's taking over from the late great [AmericaZoo](#) on our pages. (Go to the old [AmericaZoo](#) URL and guess who's there? Yep, The Blonde With The Backpack!) [WhoZoo](#) is easy to use, has animals organized into orders (mammals, birds,...) and has short, readable information on each animal.

[WildWatchcams](#) from Washington State. Web cams and animal blogs about eagles and five other birds, plus bats, salmon, and seals!

[Wolf Haven International](#) is a wolf sanctuary in Washington State. Their Basic Wolf Info section has a ton of information about wolves, perfect for elementary or middle school research! They also discuss wolf-dog hybrids. They also have a good small section on the prairie plants and animals around them, as well as a bio section with information on their wolves.

[Wolf Sanctuary](#) is located in northern Colorado. They rescue abused or neglected captive wolves and wolf-dog hybrids, nurse them back to health, and give them large wooded areas in which they roam freely. If you're looking for an wild animal charity that could use your help, look no further. [Isabeau](#) is the "Poster Child" of Wolf Sanctuary. This girl is worth reading about all by herself! [More photos here.](#) **Note:** this is not a tourist attraction, nor are they normally set up to receive visitors. Please, always contact the Sanctuary FIRST if planning a visit.

[WolfQuest Episode 2 is out! Download it!](#) From the Minnesota Zoo and EduWeb comes this excellent download wolf simulation game. Players become a wolf and explore Yellowstone Park! Kids from elementary to high school love to play this game, it's hard to get them to stop! We printed out the enclosed instructions for players to use. Needs a newer computer with good graphics. The download includes both episode 1 and 2.

[Wonders of the Sea](#) This site is devoted to sea animals. There are sections on sponges, cnidarians (see above), mollusks, arthropods (crustaceans, etc.), echinoderms (starfish and relatives), sharks, sperm whales, and Chessie, the Long-Distance Swimming Manatee! Good and concise on what it covers.

[Zoo Cams!](#) (new URL) This German site has a big list of Zoo Cams around the world. All kinds of animals, live on camera. Includes several Panda Cams and the Giraffe Cam at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

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