



Reindeer Facts

- * Reindeer have been around for a long time. Ice Age engravings in a cave in France contain a reindeer and the artwork has been dated from 12,000 to 10,500 BC.
- * Reindeer walk on snow. They don't sink into the snow despite their size because their weight is distributed over a large area because of their wide, splayed hooves.
- * Reindeer are mostly herbivores, feeding on grasses, mosses, leaves, and lichens. They shed their antlers when greenery is in short supply.
- * A reindeer can pull twice its body weight for up to forty miles.
- * Both male and female reindeer have antlers, the only species of deer to display this trait. Every reindeer grows a new set annually.
- * Male reindeer shed their antlers at the beginning of winter and females shed theirs in spring.
- * The people of the Lapp tribe in northern Scandinavia believe that reindeer antlers have magical powers.