



# Mammals



Mammals are animals that have hair, are warm-blooded, and drink milk when they are babies. Your pet may be a mammal. If your pet is a hamster, dog, cat, or horse you have a mammal for a pet.

Only mammals drink milk from their mothers when they are babies. See if you can find a baby animal that is a mammal and watch it drink milk from its mother.

Mammals are warm-blooded, that means their body temperature stays the same even if it is very cold out or very hot.

Mammals have hair or fur. Their hair or fur can be long or short or just a little hair or a lot of hair.

Most mammal babies live inside their mothers before they are born. The baby grows; it gets food and oxygen from its mother. Once they are born, many mammal babies are helpless for a while and must be looked after.

Mammals learn from their parents. The babies watch and do the things they see their parents doing. Mammals live everywhere; from the coldest climates to the warmest climates.

