Passion Project - Animals

Part One: Introduction

Animals are classified into different groups like a mammal, a fish and so on, but there are certain characteristics that make a mammal a mammal or a fish. Here are 4 characteristics that make a mammal a mammal:

- 1. Are vertebrates (means they have a backbone or spine)
- Warm-blooded
- 3. Have hair on their bodies
- 4. Produce milk to feed babies

Here are 3 characteristics that make a fish a fish:

- 1. Cold-blooded
- 2. Has a backbone
- 3. Has fins

Here are 5 characteristics that make a bird a bird:

- 1. Feathers
- 2. Wings
- 3. Beak
- 4. Lays eggs
- 5. Has a skeleton

Part Two: Have fun sorting animals into their classifications (See my Google Drawing)

Part Three: I also found fun facts about the animals in the Word Sort.

- 1. Gray wolves usually live in packs of 7 or 8 individuals.
- 2. Giant pandas eat between 20 to 40 lbs. of bamboo each day
- 3. Gentoo penguins live for 15 to 20 years
- 4. Sand Tiger Sharks length range is from 6.5 ft. to 10.5 ft
- 5. Raccoons are 16 to 38 inches long
- 6. White-cheeked Gibbon are 18-26 in. tall
- 7. A tiger's stripes help it camouflage in the wild
- 8. Orangutans are sometimes referred to as "red apes"

9. The first otter was discovered in 1751

Part Four: Images

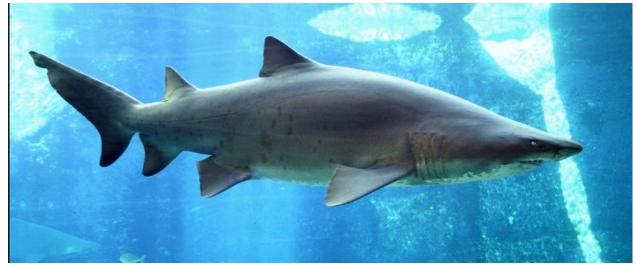


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Part Five: Conclusion

I chose to do my Passion Project on animals because I wanted to learn more about the characteristics that made an animal a mammal, fish, or bird. I learned about the differences that I discussed in Part One. I really enjoyed this project because it was fun discovering all the differences between the animals. As I was reading, I learned new things about each animal. I enjoy learning about all kinds of new things and I had never studied animals before.

My source: National Geographic Kids magazines