## Guide to FRIEND

Every good animal fairy nurtures nature by helping our animal friends. Here are a few fun facts to discover about some of the animals you may find in your world.

## MAMMALS

Did you know that humans are mammals? So are horses, rabbits, whales and many other animals. So, what exactly is a mammal?

- A mammal is a warmblooded animal.
- A mammal is a type of animal that has hair and feeds milk to its young.
- Mammals have sweat glands and can either sweat or pant to stay cool when temperatures are high.
- Mammals have the most highly developed nervous systems of all animals.



Rodents

From hamsters to capybaras, rodents are the single largest group of mammals. Here are some fun facts about rodents:

- About 1/2 of all mammals are rodents. This includes everything from mice to squirrels and even porcupines and beavers.
- Rodents have two front teeth called incisors which are always growing. These teeth are kept short by gnawing on the different foods that make up their diet.
- Rodents include jumpers like jerboas, swimmers like muskrats, and diggers like prairie dogs and groundhogs.
- Rodents can have bushy tails like squirrels, naked tails like rats, or armored tails like the armadillo.



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