

Young Outlook

CAT




Cats are very popular as pets. Many words begin with the letters C,A,T (such as "cattle"). See how many words you can think of which begin with CAT. Eight or more is excellent.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Possible answers: catalog, catch, catcher, catapult, catnip, cathedral, category, catfish, caterpillar, cattish.

WORD LADDER

Go from "horse" to "goose" by changing only one letter on each step of the word ladder.

horse	
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goose	

Answers: horse, house, mouse, moose, goose.

BOOKS

Moses the Kitten by James Herriot. Grs. 3-5. A bedraggled orphaned kitten is nursed back to health by a most unusual mother.

Koko's Kitten by Dr. Francine Patterson. All ages. The touching true story of Koko the gorilla, who learned American sign language and expressed her wish for a kitten as a pet.

Eddie's Menagerie by Carolyn Haywood. Grs. 4-6. Eddie has another round of adventures when he wangles a part-time job at a pet shop.



Celebrate National Pet Week, May 1-7, by doing something extra nice for your pet every day of this special week.

A Little Bit Of HUMOR

Dee: Why does a dog turn around three times before lying down?
Bea: That's easy. Because one good turn deserves another.

Tyrone: What do you get if you

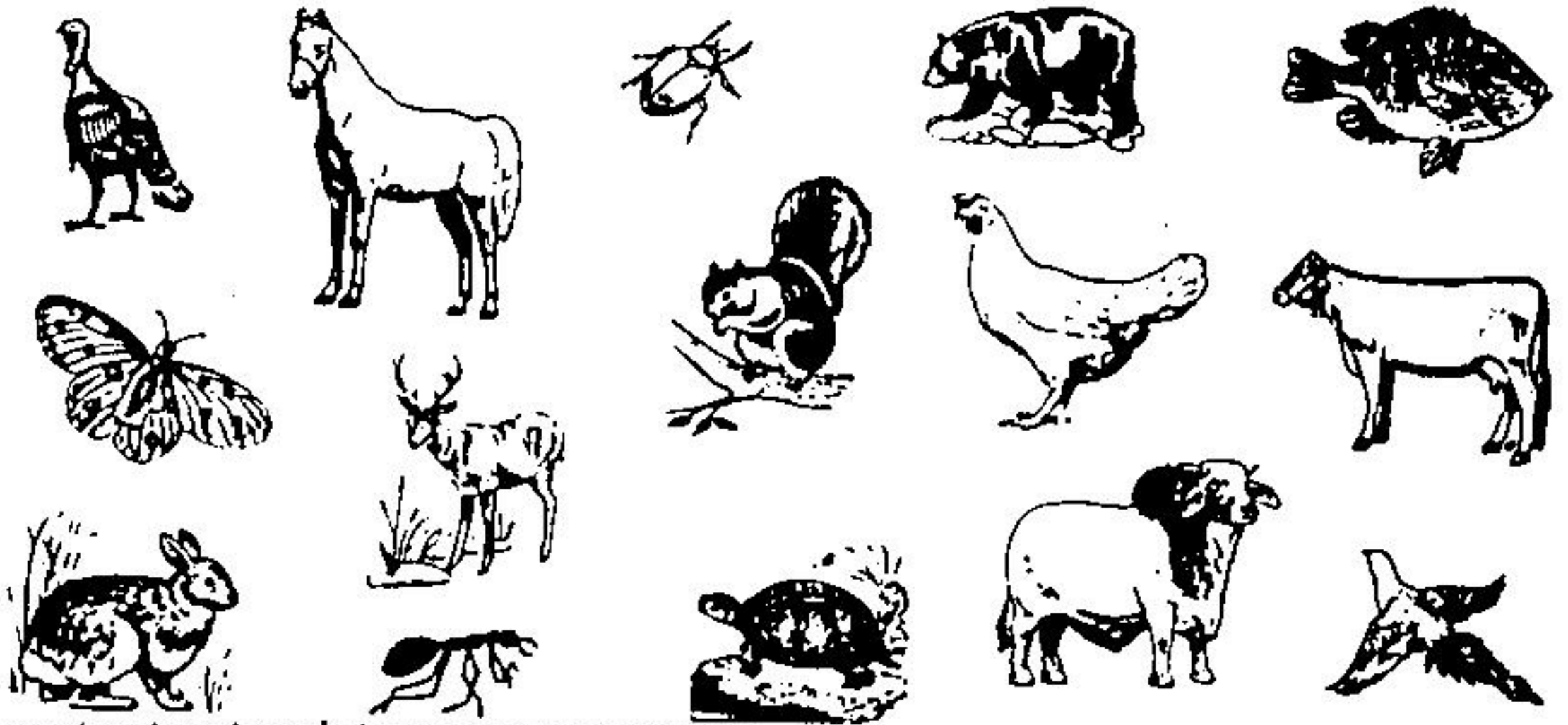
cross a rhinoceros and a goose?
Mike: An animal that honks before it runs over you.

Jack: What's as big as an elephant but doesn't weigh anything?
Ann: An elephant's shadow.

Kate: Why was the elephant late in getting on the Ark?
Joe: He was packing his trunk.

Animals

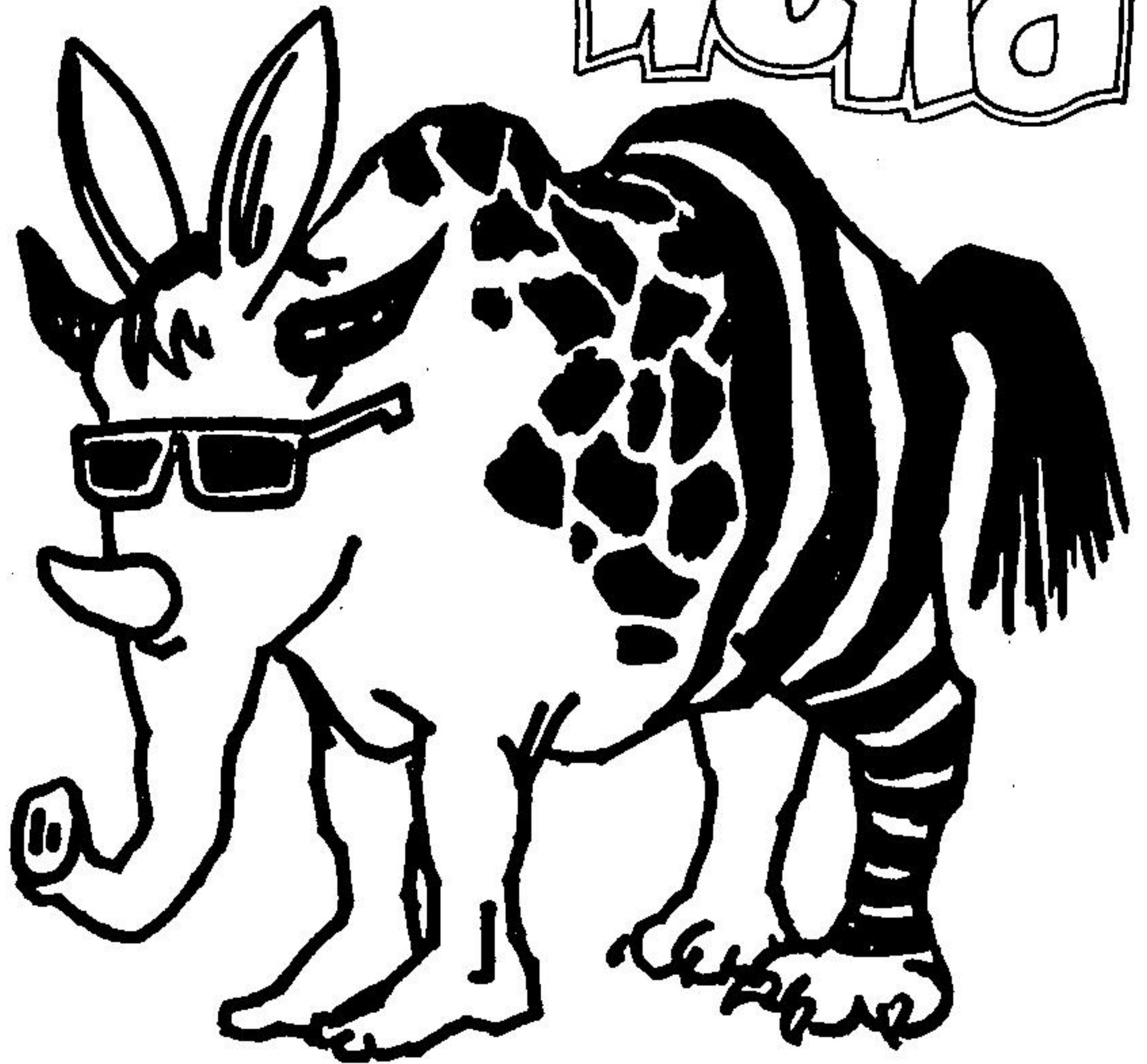
Mammals are animals which are covered with hair, generally, and the females nurse their young. Many different animals are pictured below. Some are mammals and some are not. Circle those animals which you think are mammals then check your answers.



Answers: rabbit, horse, deer, squirrel, bear, bull, cow.

This animal is made up of body parts from many different animals. See if you can list all the different animals represented.

Weird



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Answers: elephant, zebra, tiger, human, rabbit, camel, rhinoceros, bull, giraffe.

Fun Facts

1. The raccoon is one of nature's most intelligent animals. This, coupled with its basically friendly nature, makes the raccoon a good pet, if it is gotten while very young.

2. Most mammals, including whales, give birth to live young; but, there are two mammals who lay eggs — the platypus and the spiny anteater.

3. Most elephant herds are led by female (cow) elephants rather than by male (bull) elephants.

4. Dolphins can hear underwater sounds 15 miles away. Dolphins, like whales, are true mammals and nurse their young.

5. In ancient Egypt, the penalty for killing a cat was death because cats were considered sacred.

6. The world's smallest mammal is probably the Etruscan shrew, which weighs only about .07 ounces when full grown.

7. The blue whale, which weighs about 100 tons, is the largest animal that has ever existed on Earth.