



Carolina Tiger Rescue

Vocabulary

Adaptation	Genetically determined specialization of an animal's physical structure or behavior which helps the animal survive.
Apex Predator	A predator residing at the top of a food chain and which no other creatures prey on it.
Arboreal	Living in trees and traveling mainly among tree branches
Canines	Four sharp, pointed teeth located between incisors and pre-molars
Camouflage	The color and patterns of animals' skin, feathers, or fur which makes them harder to see when in their natural surroundings.
Carnivore	An animal that eats primarily meat.
Carnassial	The sharp, scissor like teeth in the back of carnivore's mouths that are use for shearing off meat and cutting through bone.
Crepuscular	Animals most active at dawn and dusk.
Conservation	A careful preservation and protection of something, especially planned management of a natural resource to prevent exploitation, destruction, or neglect.



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Diurnal	Animal that are most active during the day
Endangered	Animals in peril or danger of extinction as a species
Enrichment	Providing challenging, stimulating, and beneficial activities, environments, and objects for animals in captivity; toys (made without tape or chemicals), habitat design, sensory awareness, increased food variety, interactivity and training
Extinct	A plan or species that no longer exists
Habitat	A place that contains all the nutrients, water, shelter, and resources that an individual needs to survive; the place in which an animal or plant normally eats, drinks, sleeps, and moves around.
Keystone Species	A species on which other species in an ecosystem largely depend, such that if it were rmoved the ecosystem would change drastically
Nocturnal	Animals that are most active at night.
Prehensile	Adapted for seizing or grasping, especially by wrapping around e.g. tails of some New World monkeys and Kinkajous
Predator	An animal which must hunt other animals for food
Prey	An animal which is hunted by other animals for food.