



# Mammal Jeopardy

## General Mammal Facts

**\$200**

Name four mammals you might find at Wave Hill  
**Answer: Coyotes, squirrels, raccoons, opossum, feral cats, humans, skunks**

## General Mammal Facts

**\$400**

What are two common characteristics of mammals?  
**Answer: Hair/fur, outside ears, warm blooded, feeding milk to its young**

## General Mammal Facts

**\$800**

Over time, a species of mammal may \_\_\_\_\_ to become better suited to their environment.  
**Answer: Adapt**

## General Mammal Facts

**\$1,000**

Give an example of a mammal that is an urban avoider, and urban adapter and an urban exploiter.  
**Answer:**  
**Avoiders: Coyotes, bears**  
**Adapters: Raccoons, opossums**  
**Exploiters: Rats, mice**

## General Mammal Facts

**\$600**

What are three signs that mammals leave behind that help us learn more about them?  
**Answer: Tracks, shelters, unfinished food, scat**



# Mammal Jeopardy

Food

**\$200**

Mischievous raccoons can break into the most secure garbage cans when searching for food. This is an example of an urban \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Adapter**

Food

**\$400**

This mammal helps keep NYC's deer population in check.

**Answer: Coyotes**

Food

**\$600**

These winged urban avoiders can eat up to 600 insects an hour.

**Answer: Bats**

Food

**\$800**

This mammal has very long and sharp canine teeth on the sides of its mouth. What does this tell us about the type of food the mammal eats?

**Answer: Carnivore (eats meat)**

Food

**\$1,000**

New York's second largest mammal hibernates for up to five months. When they wake up, these opportunistic omnivores will eat plants, berries, small animals, fish and even human food.

**Answer: Black bear**



# Mammal Jeopardy

Shelter

**\$200**

A mammal's home or environment is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Habitat**

Shelter

**\$400**

Where would you expect a chipmunk to make its home?

- A. A nest high up on a tree branch
- B. A burrow behind a tree stump
- C. A den abandoned by another mammal

**Answer: B**

Shelter

**\$600**

These mammals can make two types of shelters, a nest of leaves high up on a tree branch or in a hole in a tree.

**Answer: Squirrel**

Shelter

**\$800**

There are over 10,000 feral cats in NYC. These decedents of lost or abandoned house cats have learned to survive in the harsh conditions of the city. This is an example of an urban \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Adapter**

Shelter

**\$1,000**

These mammals birth and raise their young in discrete locations like sports arena parking lots and airport construction sites.

**Answer: Coyotes**



# Mammal Jeopardy

Movement & Behavior

**\$200**

This mammal relies on street trees to move around NYC.

**Answer: Squirrel**

Movement & Behavior

**\$400**

Raccoons are mostly active at nighttime. This means they are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Nocturnal**

Movement & Behavior

**\$600**

What is one challenge that nocturnal mammals in NYC might face?

**Answer: Noise, light pollution**

Movement & Behavior

**\$800**

These small mammals are known for “playing dead” by flopping on the ground with their eyes closed when threatened by predators.

**Answer: Opossum**

Movement & Behavior

**\$1,000**

Where in NYC are you most likely to spot a coyote? Why?

- D. Times Square
- E. Central Park
- F. Van Cortlandt Park
- G. City Island

**Answer: C. Coyotes prefer secluded wooded areas away from high traffic areas.**



# Mammal Jeopardy

Mammals, Humans & Memes

**\$200**

"Pizza Rat," the viral meme of a resourceful rat dragging a slice of pizza through a NYC subway is an example of an urban \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: Exploiter**

Mammals, Humans & Memes

**\$400**

This animal causes 65,000 car accidents in NYC each year.

**Answer: Deer**

Mammals, Humans & Memes

**\$600**

This marine mammal was once very common in NYC, but overhunting and pollution drew populations away. Today, as their numbers continue to rise, they can be seen basking in the sun on rocks and dock in NYC harbors.

**Answer: Seals**

Mammals, Humans & Memes

**\$800**

In 2014, there were 3,188 reported injuries related to bites from a common NYC mammal. Who was responsible?

- H. Cats
- I. Coyotes
- J. Dogs
- K. Raccoons

**Answer: B. Coyotes are often thought to be a great danger to us but it is very rare for them to approach a human, and there were only 367 reported incidents in the United States in 40 years.**

Mammals, Humans & Memes

**\$1,000**

From roaming around Wall Street to swimming in people's pools, this bold urban animal is taking over NYC. There are about 100 of these curious mammals per square mile in the city and their numbers are rising.

**Answer: Raccoons**