

Chapter 21

Use with Section 4

ENRICHMENT**● Mammals****Observations of a Mammal**

You will observe characteristics of a mammal in the following activity.

Procedure

Choose a family pet or some pet you know well in the neighborhood. Make sure the pet is a mammal. Pets might include a dog, a cat, a rabbit, a gerbil, a horse, or a mouse. Observe the mammal, keeping in mind the characteristics that you learned about in your textbook. Add to your observations by looking in an encyclopedia or some other reference book that might include information about your mammal. Complete the table below with your observations and the information you gained by reading about this mammal.

Data and Observations

Characteristic	Observation/Information
Animal type	
Scientific classification (kingdom, class, order)	
Outer covering	
Teeth	
Food	
Reproduction (type, mammal classification, gestation period)	
Other characteristics	

Conclude and Apply

1. After observing the mammal's teeth and food choices, would you classify it as an herbivore, a carnivore, or an omnivore? _____
2. What characteristics of the mammal you observed seem to make it well suited to living in your home or neighborhood? _____