

# Awesome Animals

Awesome Animals is a resource package about some of the awesome animals of Canada. This resource package is for Canadian children.

Upon completion, your students will have retained factual information about our Canadian wildlife, be aware of environmental issues and discover an empathy towards animals.

Before the children begin the creative work, introduce your Awesome Animals theme.

1. Begin by brainstorming. Make lists of:

- animals of Canada
- animals with hooves
- animals with paws
- colors of animals
- big/small animals
- animals that live near water
- animal babies
- etc.

2. Do pocket chart oral activities. The animal illustrations can be used for the pocket chart.

3. Fill your classroom with resource material i.e. books, bulletin board displays. Ask the children to bring books or pictures for Sharing Time.

4. Display the Creative Task Cards from the beginning of your theme introduction. You'll find the students looking them over, trying to decide which one to do first.

5. Read animal stories, fact and fiction, at Story Time.

6. Introduce the animal songs.

7. Place the Games (Hands-on) at your Games Table. This will encourage the children to seek out any unknown information.



Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Illustrations \_\_\_\_\_

How to Prepare Info.Cards/Task Cards \_\_\_\_\_

Contract \_\_\_\_\_

Information Cards \_\_\_\_\_

Task Cards/File Folder Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Bookmaking Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

Centre Book Pages \_\_\_\_\_

Hands On / Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

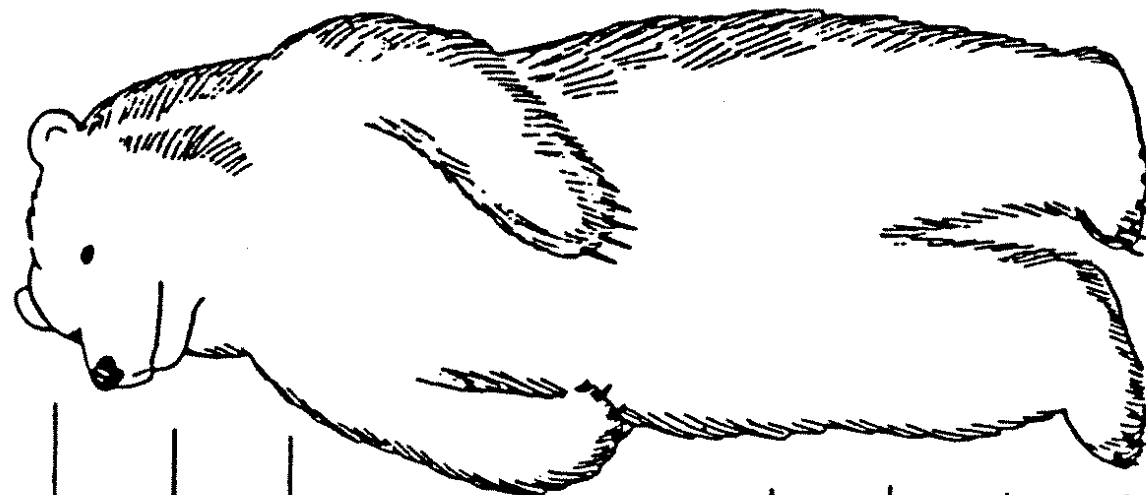
Bookmaking Patterns \_\_\_\_\_

Hands On Activities \_\_\_\_\_

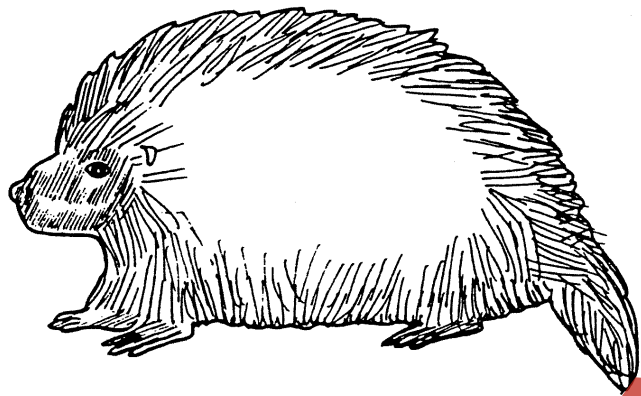
Songs \_\_\_\_\_

More Ideas \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate \_\_\_\_\_



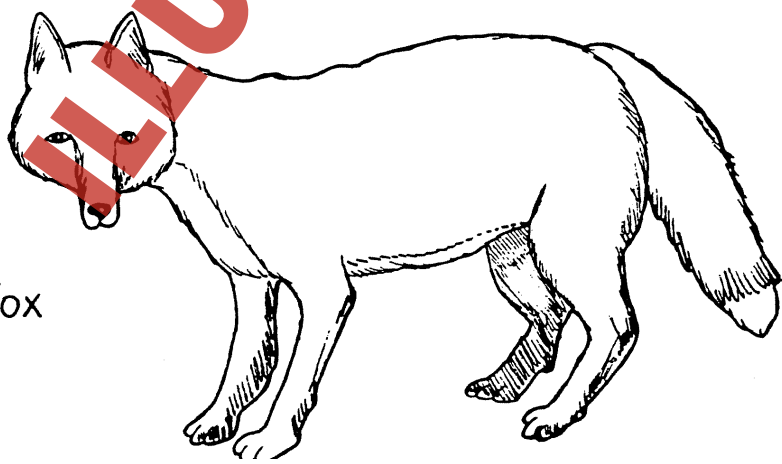
Dedicated to Ingrid Gabert,  
who put this "moose in my  
bonnet."



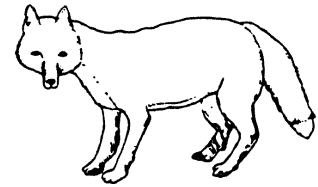
Porcupine



Skunk



Red Fox



## Mammals

Mammals are a group of animals from the Animal Kingdom.

All mammals are the same in some ways.

All mammals give their own milk to their babies.

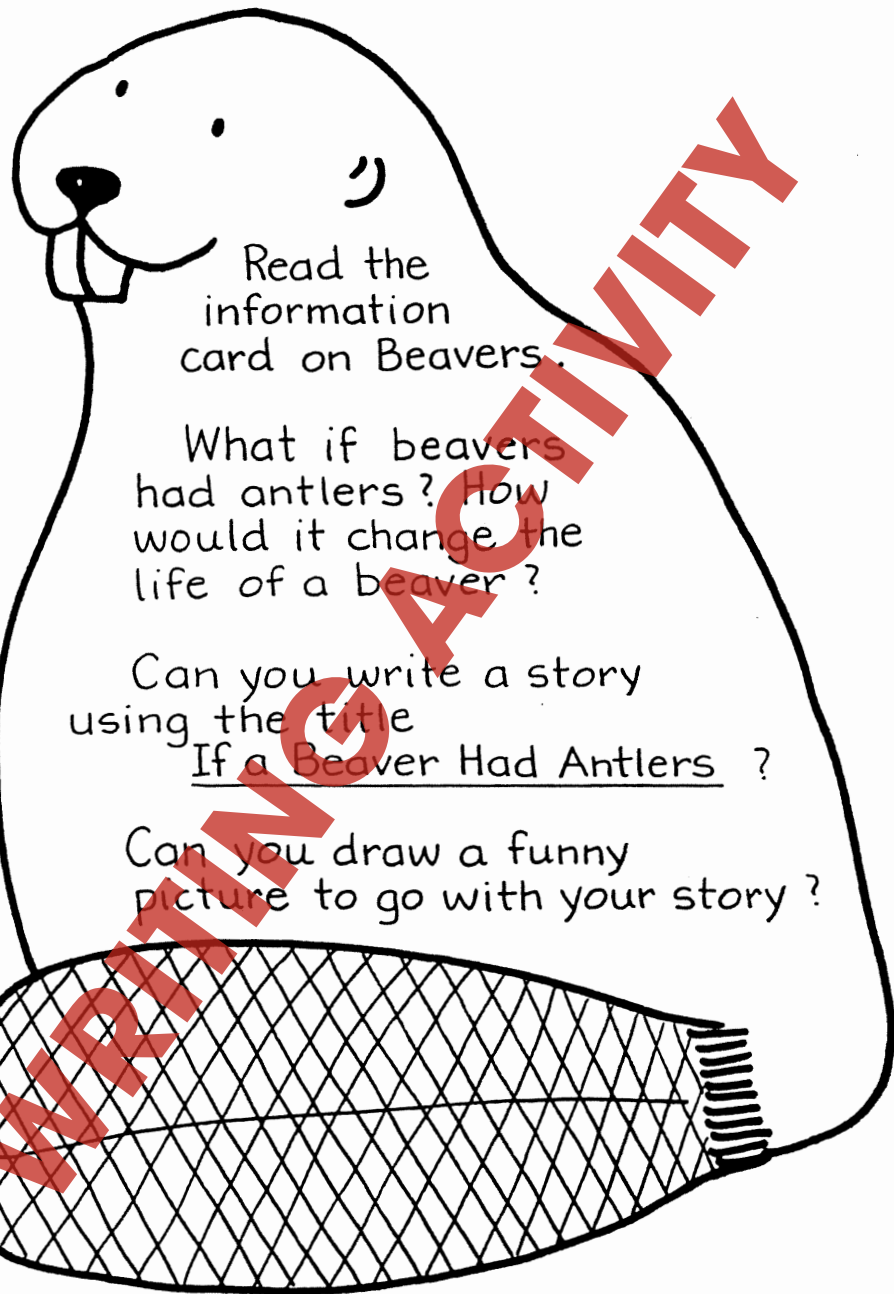
Mammals are hairy.

Mammals are born alive. Mammals do not lay eggs.

Did you know that humans are mammals?

Bears, beavers, bison, skunks, deer, raccoons and porcupines are mammals, but there are many, many more!

Mammals can be as small as a mouse or as large as a bison!

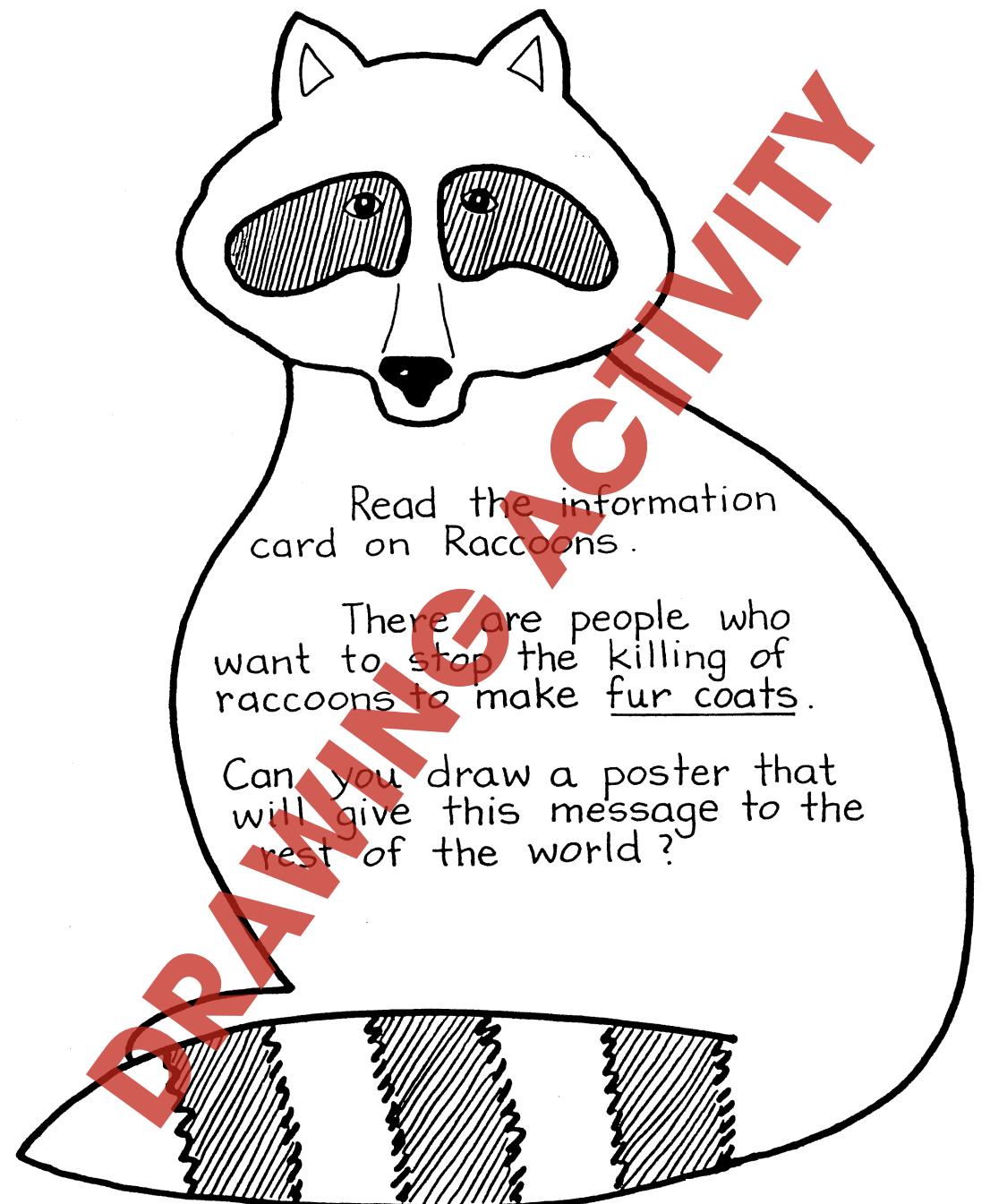


Read the information card on Beavers.

What if beavers had antlers? How would it change the life of a beaver?

Can you write a story using the title If a Beaver Had Antlers?

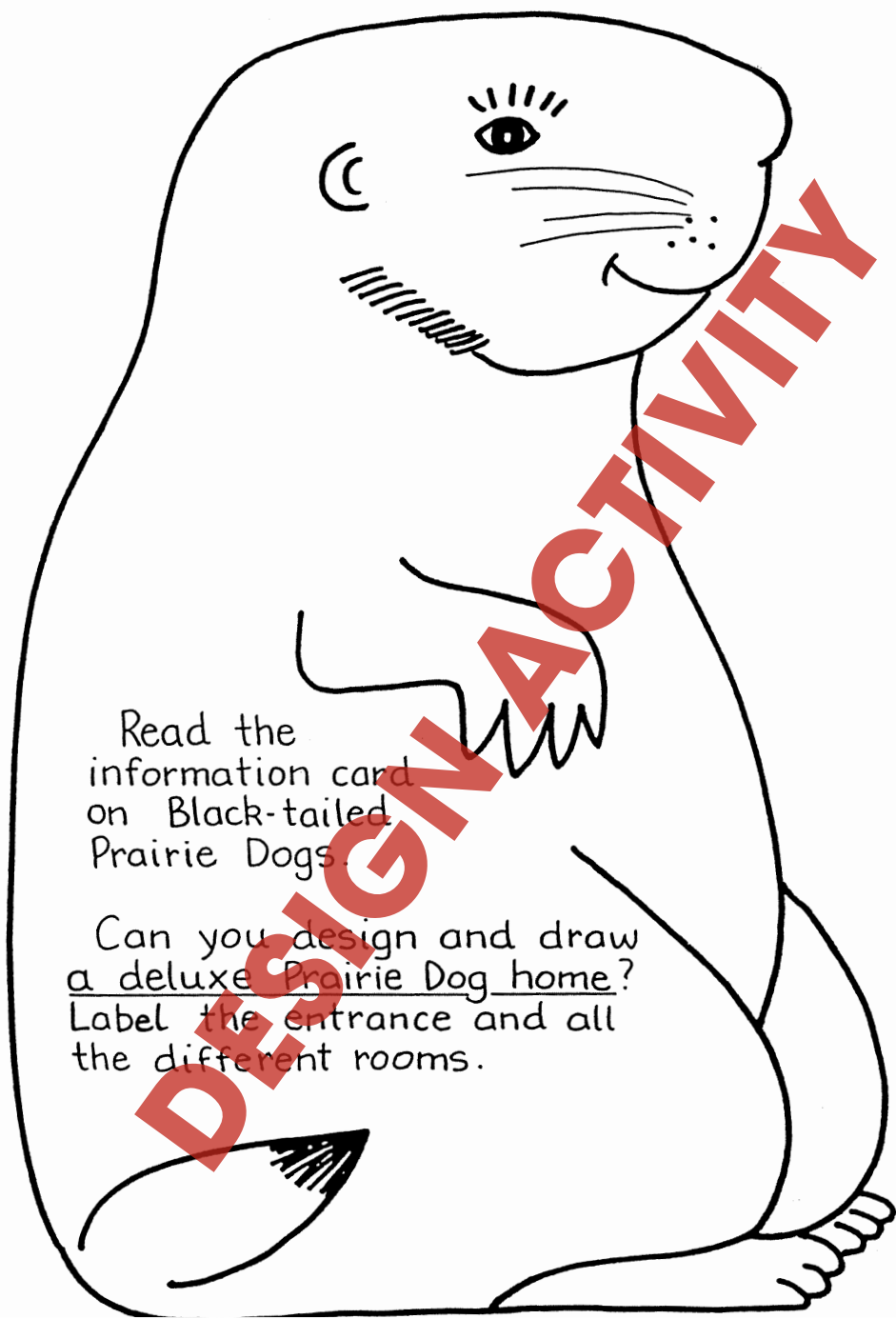
Can you draw a funny picture to go with your story?



Read the information card on Raccoons.

There are people who want to stop the killing of raccoons to make fur coats.

Can you draw a poster that will give this message to the rest of the world?



Read the information card on Black-tailed Prairie Dogs.

Can you design and draw a deluxe Prairie Dog home? Label the entrance and all the different rooms.

### How Many Raccoons?

Student Objective: to identify the missing addends.


You'll need a file folder to glue the colored raccoon pictures into.

Color and glue the title on the outside of the file folder. Glue an envelope on the outside of the file as well, to store the raccoons.

Photocopy 3 copies of the raccoons. If you can, photocopy onto brown construction paper. If not, color them brown and mount onto bristol.

Cut out equation cards and mount onto bristol.

## How Many Raccoons?



Can you use the raccoons and the raccoon pictures to find the missing numbers on the equation cards?

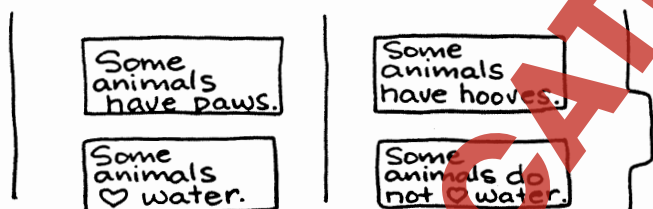
### Animal Classification

Student Objective: to classify the animals in various ways.

Use the animal illustrations that have been colored, mounted and laminated.

You'll need a legal (large) size file folder.

Color and glue the classifications into the file folder, so they are opposite each other.



Glue the title on the outside of the folder.

## Animal Classification



Can you sort the animals four different ways?



## Animal Word Search

Use a wipe off marker to circle the hidden words.

Can you find the words:

- porcupine
- bear
- wapiti
- chipmunk
- fox
- skunk
- claws
- fur
- den
- wolf
- duck

n	o	p	r	b	u	v	w
m	f	o	x	w	o	l	f
g	h	r	a	b	b	i	t
a	b	c	l	a	w	s	f
t	i	u	z	k	l	k	u
w	a	p	i	t	i	u	r
c	h	i	p	m	u	n	k
d	e	n	d	u	c	k	a
u	b	e	a	r	d	f	r