



UNDERSTANDING Wild Animals

Wildlife vets have to know a lot about the wild animals they care for - how animals' bodies work, what they eat, what they need to stay healthy and what their natural behaviour is like.

Curiosity CHALLENGE

Do you know the answers to the questions below?
If not, do a little research to find out more...

- What is the biology term for animals with hooves?
- What is the biology term for animals that eat only plants?
- What is the biology term for animals that eat only meat?
- What is the biology term for animals that eat meat and plants?
- What is the biology term for animals that have a four-chambered stomach?
- Which of these animals has a four-chambered stomach - giraffe, rhino, elephant or hyena?

Match the animal to its spoor, food and droppings!



Giraffe
Spoor
Food
Droppings



1



Carrion

A



Spotted Hyena
Spoor
Food
Droppings



2



Acacia Tree

B



Elephant
Spoor
Food
Droppings



3



Marula Tree

C



Southern White Rhino
Spoor
Food
Droppings



4



Grasses

D



Did you know vets and wildlife conservationists can tell a lot of very useful information from studying animal droppings?!