



**Exercise: 1**

**Instructions:** Mammals are an important part of the wildlife of Idaho and they play many different roles in Idaho's many habitats. This exercise will make you much more familiar with this interesting class of animals. Use your knowledge to answer the following questions completely and accurately.

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1. What are the main characteristics that distinguish mammals from other animals?
2. What kinds of habitats can mammals live in?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being endothermic compared to ectothermic? Is one necessarily better than the other?
4. What kinds of things do mammals eat?
5. Name and briefly describe the major orders of mammals found in Idaho and give an example of each.
6. What adaptations do mammals have that allow them to live in cold environments?