

Animal Characteristics & Meanings

Alligator	Maternal, revenge oriented, quickness, aggression, and basic survival instincts.
Ant	Group minded, determination, patient, active, and industrious
Anteater	Lethargy, curiosity, nosiness.
Antelope	Active, agile, jumpiness, and willing to sacrifice
Armadillo	Safety oriented, grounded, and has boundaries
Badger	Courage, aggressive, healer, having problems relating to others
Bat	Rebirth, longevity, secrecy, initiation, good listener, and long life
Bear	Industrious, instinctive, healing, power, sovereignty, guardian of the world, watcher, courage, will power, self-preservation, introspection, and great strength.
Beaver	Determined, strong-willed, builder, overseer, and protector
Bee	Organized, industrial, productive, wise, community, celebration, fertility, defensiveness, obsessive nature, and enjoys life
Boar/Pig	A very powerful totem - prosperity, spiritual strength, organized, self-reliant
Buffalo	Sacredness, life, great strength, abundance, gratitude.
Bull	Insight into the past, fertility, rushing into things without proper preparation.
Butterfly	Metamorphosis, transformation, balance, grace, ability to accept change
Camel	Survival, positive, accomplishments
Caribou	Traveler, mobility, preference to be nomadic, adaptability to adversity
Cat	Guardianship, detachment, sensuality, mystery, magic, and independence
Cheetah	Swiftness, insight, focus
Cougar	Leadership, loyalty, courage, taking responsibility, foresight
Cow	Swift, insightful, and focused
Coyote	Trickster, intelligence, stealth, wisdom and folly, guile and innocence
Cobra	Swift and decisive
Crab	Good luck, protection and success
Crane	Solitude, justice, longevity, independent, intelligent, and vigilant
Crocodile	Ensuring your emotions are displayed accurately/appropriately
Crow	Justice, shape shifting, change, creativity, spiritual strength, energy, community sharing, and balance
Deer	Compassion, peace, intellectual, gentle, caring, kind, subtlety, gracefulness, femininity, gentleness, innocence, and seller of adventure
Dog	Noble, faithful, loyal, teaching, protection, and guidance
Dolphin	Kind, salvation, wisdom, happiness, playfulness, prudent, capable of deep emotion, and happy.
Dove	Cross-world communication, spirit messenger, peace, gentleness, love
Dragon	Longevity, richness, prosperity, infinity, wisdom, power, and fiery
Dragonfly	Flighty and carefree, strong imagination, higher aspirations.
Duck	Water energy, helper of seers, can clearly see/deal with emotions
Eagle	Divine spirit, sacrifice, connection to creator, intelligence, renewal, courage, illumination of spirit, healing, creation, freedom, and risk-taker
Elephant	Strength, power, affection, loyalty, royalty, and wisdom
Elk	Strength and agility, pride, majestic, independence, purification, strength, and nobility
Falcon	New beginnings, adventure, passionate, and leadership.

Fish	Graceful, slyness, open-minded, quick to change one's mind.
Flamingo	Heart healing, psychic, people person, flirtatious.
Fox	Cunning, agility, quick-witted, diplomacy, wildness, feminine magic of camouflage, shape-shifting and invisibility
Frog	Water energy, cleansing, rebirth, sensitivity, medicine, hidden beauty, peace, adaptability, poor character judgment and power.
Gazelle	Aggressive
Giraffe	Communication, intuition, attaining the unreachable, seeing the future
Goat	Surefootedness, stubbornness, independence, diligence, lack of foresight.
Goose	Self-demanding, reliable, prudent, rigid, vigilance, parenthood, and productive.
Gorilla	Family-oriented, intelligence, strength, environmental protector, keeps peace through aggression.
Grasshopper	Good luck, abundance, forward, progressive.
Grouse	Personal power, enlightenment.
Hawk	Messenger, intuition, victory, healing, nobility, recollection, cleansing, visionary power, and guardianship.
Heron/Egret	Aggressive, self-determined, self-reliant, multi-tasking, balanced.
Hippopotamus	Power, creation, imagination, healing.
Horse	Freedom, stamina, mobility, the land, travel, power, and freedom.
Hummingbird	Messenger, timelessness, healing, and warrior.
Jaguar	Chaos, shape-shifter, aggressiveness, power.
Kangaroo	Forward, balance, creative, stamina.
Lion	Family, strength, energy, courage, guardian and protector.
Lizard	Conservation, vision, self-protection, hidden defenses.
Llama	Comforting to others, secure.
Lynx	Keeper of secrets, guardian, listener, and guide.
Mole	Sensitivity, guidance, searching.
Monkey	Ability to change the environment, health, success.
Moose	Headstrong, longevity, steadfastness, and wisdom.
Mouse	Scrutiny, order, organizer, and an eye for details.
Octopus	Intelligence, camouflage, nocturnal.
Opossum	Diversion, strategist, and deceiver.
Ostrich	Grounded, practical.
Otter	Playful, friendly, dynamic, joy, helpfulness, and sharing
Owl	Deception, clairvoyance, insight, messenger.
Ox	Sacrifice, chastity and self-denial
Panther	Protection, hidden emotions, introspection, caution, careful decisions
Parrot	Communication, beauty, guide for wisdom, mockery, thinking before speaking
Peacock	Immortality, dignity, and self-confidence
Pelican	Resilient, unselfish, rising above.
Penguin	Self-discipline, grace, self-confidence, spiritual
Porcupine	Innocence, companionship, and trust
Prairie Dog	wiftness, industrious, constructive, preparedness
Puma	Companion on journeys to other worlds, grace, silent power
Quail	Group-work, team play, creator of harmony and group tolerance, protectiveness (especially toward children)
Rabbit	Fear, timidity, nervousness, humility, rebirth,

Raccoon	Curiosity and cleanliness
Ram	Stoic, sensitive, persevering, curious, imaginative.
Rat	Fertility, stealth, scavenging, intelligence, enjoys luxury
Raven	Introspection, courage, self-knowledge, magic
Rhinoceros	Wisdom, solitary, insightful, solid.
Roadrunner	Mental agility, speed, opportunistic.
Rooster	Vanity, likes to be showered with gifts and attention, early riser, settling for nothing less than the best
Salmon	Proud, intense, confident, wisdom, inspiration
Scorpion	Transforming, strong, inspiring, chaotic, passionate
Seagull	Versatility, loud, easy-going nature, creativity, laziness
Seahorse	Confidence and grace
Seal	Love, longing, dilemma, active imagination, creativity
Shark	Hunter, survival, and adaptability
Skunk	Reputation, presence, and strength
Snail	Protective, aware, solitary.
Snake	Impulsive, shrewdness, rebirth, transformation, initiation, and wisdom
Spider	Balance, wisdom, creativity, communication
Squirrel	Planner and gatherer
Stag	Lord of the forest, masculine power of regeneration, signs.
Swan	Grace, balance and innocence, soul, love, beauty, of the self
Tiger	Strength, valor, power, and energy
Toad	inner strength, luck, self-examination
Turkey	Generosity, life-giver, and sharer
Turtle	Nurturer, shy, and protecting
Unicorn	Purity, innocence, dreamer, personal power, gentle
Weasel	Strength, energy, ingenuity and stealth
Whale	Wisdom, provider, intelligence, and kindness.
Wolf	Loyalty, perseverance, success, intuition, and spirit
Woodpecker	Sensitive, protective, and devotion
Zebra	Agility and individuality