**Animal Unit Vocabulary: Third Grade**

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| organism | A living thing. |
| life cycle | The stages through which aliving thing passes during itslife. |
| reproduce | To make more of one’s own kind. |
| adaptation | A trait that helps a living thing survive in its environment. |
| trait | A feature passed on from a parent to its offspring. |
| inherited trait | A characteristic that is passed from parents to offspring. |
| learned behavior | New skills you are taught or you gain through experience. |
| acquired trait | A trait that an animal, plant, or person develops through interactions in their environment. |
| instinct | A behavior that an animal is born able to do. |
| metamorphosis | A series of changes in which an organism’s body changes form. |
| vertebrate | An animal with a backbone. |
| invertebrate | An animal without a backbone. |
| migrate | An instinct to move when the seasons change. |
| hibernate | An instinct to spend the winter in a sleeplike state. |