



*EXPERIENCE NATURE WITH THE
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MEET THE ANIMALS

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In this **indoor** program students will learn about animal **adaptations** by handling and observing some GNC resident animals. Our naturalists gear each program to the grade level of your students and will accommodate any competency level if notified in advance. Our programs stress **hands-on and direct involvement learning**.

Meet The Animals Outreach Programs are generally scheduled for 60, 90 or 120 minutes, divided into half-hour segments for younger grades. 7th - 12th grades may schedule 45 minute programs.

A few examples of animals that may be brought to program:

Mammals
guinea pig
ferret
chinchilla

Reptiles
king snake
box turtle
bearded dragon

Birds
ring-necked dove
quail

Amphibians
Giant Toad
White's tree frog

Some examples of adaptations often discussed:

RING-NECKED DOVE - Wings, feathers, and hollow bones, all of which allow for flight.



BOX TURTLE - Hard "hinged" shell for protection from predators.

KING SNAKE - Special tongue and Jacobson's organ for "smelling" prey. Detachable jaws for swallowing food whole.



TREE FROG - Special feet with "suction cup" toes for climbing; large pupils for night vision.



FERRET - Flexible backbone for movement within narrow spaces like burrows.

CHINCHILLA - Fur for insulation from heat and cold. Long tail for balance.



HEDGEHOG - Sharp "prickles" used for defense. Excellent sense of smell for hunting.

PLEASE NOTE:

We cannot guarantee specific animals because of illness, injury or use in other programs.

