

Herbivores, Carnivores, Omnivores

Animals must eat food to stay alive. Some animals are **herbivores**.

Herbivores are animals that *eat only plants* (leaves, flowers, fruits and wood).

Sheep, horses, rabbits, cows, goats, and snails are some examples of herbivores.

Some animals are **carnivores**. They are *meat-eaters*. Carnivores eat other animals. Wolves, foxes, lions, tigers, eagles, sharks, piranhas, snakes, crocodiles, dragonflies, spiders and more are carnivores. Many carnivores are predators. They hunt and eat other animals. The animals that predators hunt are called prey. All wild cats (tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, and cougars) are predators. Spiders use their sticky webs to hunt insects. Piranhas have razor-sharp teeth and strong jaws to eat other fish, frogs and worms. Big sharks' prey are dolphins, seals, and sea turtles. Frogs have long, sticky tongues to catch insects. Snakes kill their prey (mice, rats, rabbits, and other small animals) with venom, by swallowing, and by choking. Crocodiles used their sharp, pointy teeth and powerful jaws to grab their prey (deer, zebras, and big animals).

Some animals are **omnivores**. They eat *both plants and other animals*. The red fox, bears, pigs, rats, mice, and many birds are omnivores. Human beings are also omnivores, although some people choose not to eat meat. These people are **vegetarians**.