

Secret in the Stars Matching Game

Answer key:

Border Collie—Athletic

Abi—Uni-Cat

Hoot Owl—Great Horned Owl

Gray Mouse—Pointed muzzle

Herbert—Cloud

White-tailed Deer—Herbivore

Angel—Opposite of name

Bat—Mammal

Norman—Home in woods

Tabby cat—Streaked with stripes

Bees—Not in Antarctica

Herbert—Bobbed

Ryan—Pesky little brother

Secret in the Stars Fun Animal Facts

Border Collies are athletic, medium-sized herders standing 18 to 22 inches at the shoulder. The overall look is that of a muscular but nimble worker, unspoiled, by passing fads. Both the rough coat and the smooth coat come in a variety of colors and patterns.

The almond eyes are the focus of an intelligent expression—an intense gaze, the Border’s famous “herding eye”, is a breed hallmark. On the move, Borders are among the canine kingdom’s most agile, balanced, and durable citizens.

The intelligence, athleticism, and trainability of Borders have a perfect outlet in agility training. Having a job to perform, like agility—or herding or obedience work—is key to Border happiness. Amiable among friends, they may be reserved with strangers. Source: <https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/border-collie/>

With its long, earlike tufts, intimidating yellow-eyed stare, and deep hooting voice, the **Great Horned Owl** is the quintessential owl of storybooks. This powerful predator can take down birds and mammals even larger than itself, but it also dines on daintier fare such as tiny scorpions, mice, and frogs. It’s one of the most common owls in North America, equally at home in deserts, wetlands, forests, grasslands, backyards, cities, and almost any other semi-open habitat between the Arctic and the tropics. Source: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Great_Horned_Owl/overview

House mice are typically dusty **gray** with cream-colored bellies. Fur color varies from light brown to dark **gray** depending on the **mouse's** location. House **mice** have four legs and a round shaped body. Their muzzles are pointed, and their ears are large with some hair. Source: www.google.com

White-tailed deer are herbivores, leisurely grazing on most available plant foods. ... “*White-tailed*” refers to the *white* underside of the *deer's tail*, which it displays when on the alert. *White-tailed deer* hide their fawns on the forest floor or in tall grass to keep them safe. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/w/white-tailed-deer/>

Tabby cat is a cat whose fur is mottled or streaked with dark stripes. Source: www.dictionary.com

Bats are mammals of the order Chiroptera; with their forelimbs adapted as wings, they are the only mammals capable of true and sustained flight. ... A few species feed on animals other than insects; for example, the vampire *bats* feed on blood. Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bat>

Honeybees are flying insects, and close relatives of wasps and ants. They are found on every continent on earth, except for Antarctica. ... Honeybees are social insects that live in colonies. The hive population consists of a single queen, a few hundred drones, and thousands of worker *bees*. Source: <http://www.honeybeecentre.com/learn-about-honeybees#.Xpi1k5IMFaQce>