

**Handout 1, Unit 2a, a.y. 2025/2026**

APPENDIX

# E Species Names

Common name	Scientific (generic)	Male/female terminology	Neutered male	Act of parturition	Young called
Cat	<i>Felis catus</i> (feline)	Tom/queen		Queening	Kitten
Cattle	<i>Bos taurus</i> <i>Bos indicus</i> (bovine)	Bull/cow	Steer	Calving	Calf
Chicken	<i>Gallus domesticus</i>	Rooster/hen	Capon	Laying/hatching	Chick
Chinchilla	<i>Chinchilla laniger</i>				Kid
Dog	<i>Canis familiaris</i> (canine)	Dog/bitch		Whelping	Puppy
Ferret	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	Hob/jill	Gib female—sprite		Kit
Gerbil (jird)	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>				Pup
Goat	<i>Capra hircus</i> (caprine)	Buck/doe	Wether	Kidding	Kid (either sex) Buckling (male)
Guinea pig (cavy)	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	Boar/sow		Farrowing	Pup
Hamster	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>				Pup
Horse	<i>Equus caballus</i> (equine)	Stallion/mare	Gelding	Foaling	Foal (either sex) Colt (male) Filly (female)
Llama	<i>Llama glama</i>		Gelding		Cria

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Mouse	<i>Mus musculus</i>				Pup
Opossum	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>				
Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i> (porcine)	Boar/sow	Barrow	Farrowing	Piglet, pig (either sex) Gilt (female)
Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Buck/doe		Kindling	Bunny
Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>				Pup
Sheep	<i>Ovis aries</i> (ovine)	Ram/ewe	Wether	Lambing	Lamb

(excerpt from MCBRIDE Douglas F., 2001: *Learning Veterinary Terminology*, Mosby)

**Common name: red deer**

Male: stag / hart

Female: doe / hind

Young: fawn (aged 1 year) / pricket (aged 2 year)

**Common name: fox**

Male: dog / tod / reynhard

Female: vixen

Young: cub / pup / kit

**Common name: goose**

Male: gander

Female: goose

Young: gosling

**Common name: duck**

Male: drake

Female: duck

Young: duckling

**Common name: swan**

Male: cob

Female: pen

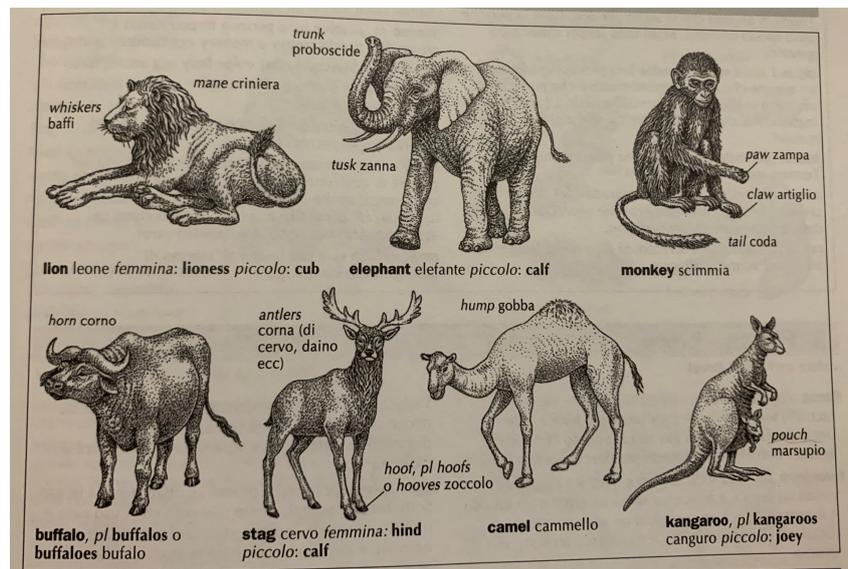
Young: cygnet /'signət/

**Common name: honey bee**

Male: drone

Female: worker bee or worker, queen bee or queen

Queen bees are developed from *larvae* /'la:vi:/ (← the plural form of *larva* /'la:və/) selected by worker bees and specially fed in order to become sexually mature. There is normally only one adult, mated queen in a hive.



(excerpt from MCCARTHY Michael, 1995: Cambridge Word Routes, CUP)