

Words of the Day (2)

Angora – a type of long fur on cats and rabbits

Breech – backwards delivery and/or placement of a fetus

Calico – three color fur pattern with white, orange and black

Declaw – removal of claws commonly performed on felines

Exoskeleton – hard, external protective shell of a turtle and other animal species

Fetus – unborn or unhatched young of a vertebrate species

Gestation – length of pregnancy

Heat – the estrus period of females

Inbreeding – breeding closely related animals

Jaundice – abnormal yellowing of the skin due to liver disease and/or breakdown of red blood cells

Kindling – birthing process in rabbits

Lethargic – lack of energy, sluggish

Mouth-brooder – fish carrying eggs in mouth until they hatch

Nocturnal – sleep during day, active at night, opposite of Diurnal

Ovulation – release of egg cells from ovaries to oviduct awaiting fertilization

Papillae – small finger like projections on the tongue that carry taste buds or help in holding/digesting prey

Quarantine – isolation of an animal while treating them or determining if they have a disease

Rex – type of fur on the rex breed of rabbit with a over and undercoat and thick guard hairs leading to a soft feel.

Sheen – brightness or shine

Terrarium – cage used to keep land animals