



Week Six: Food & Feeding

Glossary

Key words and phrases from Week Six

Basal Metabolic Rate - the rate at which an animal expends energy to stay alive

Calorie - unit of energy; used to measure energy content in food

Carbohydrates - compounds containing sugar, starch and fibre found in grains, fruit and other foods

Consumer - an organism that needs to eat plant or animal matter to survive

Digestive tract - the organs food travels through during the process of digestion

Enrichment - stimulating items and activities, often involving food and sensory items

Fat - a nutrient used as an energy source by the body; acts as energy storage

Folivore - an animal whose primary food source is leaves/foliage

Food chain - a chain of 4-5 species, showing how they are inter-related in an ecosystem

Frugivore - an animal whose primary food source is fruit

Gummivore - an animal whose primary food source is gum/tree sap

Insectivore - an animal whose primary food source is insects

Interdependencies - the relationships between different species within an ecosystem

Omnivore - an animal that eats a mixture of plant and animal matter

Predator - an animal that eats other animals

Prey - an animal that is eaten by other animals

Producer - organisms that make their own food using the sun's energy; always the first link in a food chain

Protein - a nutrient needed by the body for growth and movement

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