



SPANISH TABLE

Nouns referring to animals



The gender of some animals is made by following the general rule for living beings.

Take the example of the noun *cat* in Spanish:

Gat**o** - Gat**a**

But there are also some special cases:

1. Nouns with two different forms for masculine and feminine:

Masculine

<u>Spanish</u>	<u>English</u>
caballo	horse
carnero	ram
gallo	rooster
tigre	tiger
toro	bull

Feminine

<u>Spanish</u>	<u>English</u>
yegua	mare
oveja	sheep
gallina	hen
tigresa	tigress
vaca	cow

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2. Nouns that are used in the masculine form only*:

Masculine

<u>Spanish</u>	<u>English</u>
águila*	eagle
buey	ox
búho	owl
canguro	kangaroo
castor	beaver
chimpancé	chimpanzee
cocodrilo	crocodile
delfín	dolphin
koala	koala
mosquito	mosquito
murciélago	bat
pájaro	bird
pez	fish
tiburón	shark

* The noun *águila* is masculine when used in the singular form. When used in plural, it changes to feminine: *las águilas*.

2. Nouns that are used in the feminine form only*:

Feminine

<u>Spanish</u>	<u>English</u>
abeja	bee
ardilla	squirrel
ballena	whale
cebra	zebra
cucaracha	cockroach
foca	seal
jirafa	giraffe
mariposa	butterfly
rata	rat
tortuga	turtle

* If you want to make the distinction between male and female with these animals, you can add the words *macho* or *hembra*, like this:

Masculine

<u>Spanish</u>	<u>English</u>
el cocodrilo macho	the male crocodile
la rata macho	the male rat

Feminine

<u>Spanish</u>	<u>English</u>
el cocodrilo hembra	the female crocodile
la rata macho	the female rat

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