

## How can you classify animals?

Animals can be classified by

- how they look
- body features
- where they live
- how they act.

Another trait that helps scientists use to classify animals is whether or not they have a backbone.

An animal with a backbone is called vertebrate.

Example.

cats

birds

fish

Animals without backbones are called invertebrates

Example:

sea stars

butterflies

spiders

Invertebrates have structures other than bones to give them their shape.

Another trait that helps scientists classify animals is the way they give birth

Eggs.

All birds hatch from eggs, crocodile and reptiles do.

Live Birth

Mammals have a live birth.

This means that the young animal is born instead of hatching from an egg. (Lion)