



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:

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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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

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 hembra	the female rat

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

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