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## Ungulates ebook

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ACS Distance Education have released a new ebook on Ungulates. Ungulates are animals with hooves. A hoof is simply an enlarged toenail. This ebook has been written as a reference for those studying animals and animal related subjects especially those studying wildlife, veterinary studies and zoology.

Non-ungulate mammals may have claws or fingernails instead of hoofs. The primary difference between ungulates and non-ungulates is whether or not the unguis is used in walking. In ungulates, the unguis is the primary point of contact with the ground. In non-ungulates, other tissues, such as the pads of the feet, provide the primary contact point when walking.

The hoof is basically modified epidermis and this consists of keratin, which thickens and hardens the hoof. There are a variety of ungulate 'hoofed' animals, and each has different hoofs. Hoofs continue to grow; in wild, hoofed ungulates length is managed by daily foraging and walking. Domesticated animals tend to stand around longer, and do not have access to enough room to be able to keep their hoofs down naturally, so may require hoof maintenance which their wild counterparts do not.

This ebook covers different descriptions and pictures of many of the different ungulate animals.

Here's the topics and the Chapters covered in this ebook:

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION – OVERVIEW OF UNGULATES

CHAPTER 2 ARTIODACTYLS: EVEN-TOED UNGULATES

CHAPTER 3 PERISSODACTYLS

CHAPTER 4 AQUATIC UNGULATES

CHAPTER 5 OTHER UNGULATES

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