

# Artistic Animals

## OBJECTIVE:

To promote creativity through painting and drawing different types of vertebrates. Students will also learn to classify the different categories of vertebrates: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

## ACTIVITY OVERVIEW:

Students will paint and draw a variety of vertebrates and classify them as to what type of vertebrate they are.

## MATERIALS:

- 🐾 White construction paper
- 🐾 A variety of colored paints
- 🐾 Pencils
- 🐾 Small white labels

## ACTIVITY:

### **Preliminary Discussion**

- 🐾 Define "vertebrate."
- 🐾 What are the different types of vertebrates?
- 🐾 How are fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals different?
- 🐾 What types of vertebrates live around your neighborhood and school?
- 🐾 What types of vertebrates do people keep as pets?

### **Procedure**

Have the students draw and paint a variety of vertebrates, cut them out and hang them up in the classroom. Then ask the students to label each animal with the type of vertebrate it is.

### **Post-Discussion**

- 🐾 Discuss each animal and what type of vertebrate it is.
- 🐾 Discuss the different colors, sizes, number of legs and other features they all have.
- 🐾 What is your favorite vertebrate? Why?

## EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Have each student pick a vertebrate and research it.