


MUSKOX ANSWERS

1. A. True: Muskoxen are survivors of the ice age. While Mammoths, Mastodons, and Saber-toothed Lions were victims of the Pleistocene extinction, Muskoxen lived through it.
2. C. Muskoxen can run from 40-50 km/hr. That's about as fast as a very fast bicycle.
3.  B. This scruffy Muskox is shedding its winter coat. Every May and June the underwool begins clumping and matting as it works through the guard hairs—the mats of wool on the face make a Muskox look as though it is peering from beneath a mask.
4. A. In the winter, Muskoxen actually seek out windy places like mountains to search for food. The wind keeps the snow off their food.
5. B. Extirpation is the disappearance of an animal from a specific region. Muskoxen were reintroduced to Alaska in the 1930's and later to Wrangell Island in northern Russia. In both areas, they continue to do well.
6. D. All Muskoxen like to be together when threatened and they usually stand their ground. Sometimes when the herds are at risk , the calves stand in the middle of the group.
7. E. B and C. Muskoxen's large noses help them to smell for food under the snow and to warm the air that they breathe.
8. B. The name 'Muskox' does come from its smell but it's not a "musk". Male Muskoxen stink for another reason - bulls urinate on themselves during the rut.
9. B. Bison are not predators of Muskoxen.
10. A. True. Scientists say they crossed Beringia into North America during the last glaciation.