

# Endotherms vs. Ectotherms

## Chapter 3

# Endotherms

- Endotherms are animals that warm their bodies mainly from their own metabolism.
  - We call these animals warm-blooded.
  - Maintain a constant body temperature regardless of changes in the surrounding temperature

# How do endotherms adapt?



- **Fat** layers, fur, and feathers insulate the body and retain heat.
- Shivering muscles contract to increase body heat.
- Some animals hibernate. Hibernation enables animals to survive long periods of cold and lack of food.
- Canines, like this Brittany, use panting as a means of temperature regulation.

# Ectotherms

- Ectotherms are animals that warm their bodies **by absorbing** heat from their surroundings.
  - We call these animals cold-blooded
  - Body temperature fluctuates with changes in the surrounding temperature.

# How do ectotherms adapt?

- Most marine fish and **invertebrates**, however, live in water that stays the same temperature.
- When the weather is warm, they become active. They slow down when the temperature drops.



# How do ectotherms adapt?

- To warm up, reptiles find sunny places, and stretch out for maximum exposure. If it gets too warm, lizards alternate between sun and shade.
- Amphibians warm up by moving into the sun or diving into warm water. They cool off by entering the shade.



# Homeostasis

Definition

Maintenance of constant internal conditions in the face of a varying external environment

## Endotherms

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How do endotherms adapt?

Warm-blooded

Body temp the same regardless of weather

Fat layers, fur, and feathers

Shivering Muscles

Hibernation

## Ectotherms

animals that warm their bodies by absorbing heat from their surroundings

How do ectotherms adapt?

Cold-blooded

Body Temp changes with weather

warm up by moving into the sun or diving into warm water

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cool off by entering the shade