Musk oxen look a little like a dust mop with feet. These Arctic animals have thick wool that grows 2 feet long and almost touches the ground. Their long thick wool enables them to survive in a habitat where not many animals can survive. Musk oxen live in Canada, Alaska, Greenland, Siberia and Norway. They live farther north than any other hoofed animal.

Musk oxen are big and strong. They can weigh as much as 850 pounds. Musk oxen live about 12 to 20 years. They are herbivores and eat mainly moss, roots and lichen found under the snow. They break the ice with their strong hooves to get water. In the summertime, they eat flowers and grasses. Musk oxen have two glands under their eyes that produce musk, which is a strong odor.

They are hunted by arctic wolves and occasionally polar bears. They have curving, pointed horns. When threatened, musk oxen gather in a circle with their heads facing out. Their babies are protected in the middle of the circle.

**Humans hunted musk oxen for their meat and fur. The animals were almost extinct. Now they are protected. It is against the law to hunt them.**
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