

What is a marine mammal?

What makes a marine mammal a marine mammal? They must meet the characteristics of all mammals:

- they breathe air through lungs
- are warm-blooded
- have hair or fur (at some point during life)
- produce milk to nurse their young
- also living most or all their lives in or very near the ocean



Florida is fortunate enough to have its own spectacular marine mammal, the manatee!