What Kind of Animal is the Wolf?

A wolf is a **mammal**. A mammal is a kind of animal that has a backbone, warm blood, and fur or hair. Mammals also reproduce, meaning that they have babies, and they produce **milk** to feed their babies. Being **warm-blooded** means that they produce their own body heat, and don't have to rely on the temperature outside to stay warm.

Some mammals, like wolves, have two layers of **fur**. This is called a double coat, and the fluffy undercoat keeps them warm in the winter, and is shed in the summer. However, some mammals barely have any fur! Examples of animals that have very little hair include whales, dolphins, hippos, and rhinos.

Most mammals, like the wolf, also give birth to live young. There are two exceptions – the platypus and the echidna are the only mammals that lay eggs instead of giving birth.

Fill in the blanks:

A mammal has **f___ ___**.

A mammal is **___ ___ ___ ___ - blooded**.

A mammal produces **___ ___ ___ k**.

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