

## *The Answers to the Barn Owl Study Guide...*

- 1.) What is the only continent where barn owls don't exist? **Antarctica**
- 2.) The prey items of these owls are: **Voles, mice, shrews, young rats, and even fish**
- 3.) Barn owls don't hoot. True or False. **True**
- 4.) How can an owl fly almost silently? **Due to serrated wing feathers**
- 5.) What does monogamous mean? **Mate for life**
- 6.) Name a few things that cause barn owl deaths. **Ingesting rodenticides (rat poison), while eating rodents. Others end up as roadkill or starve at the hands of a dwindling rodent population.**
- 7.) Do barn owls build nests? Explain. **No. They prefer to live in buildings, barns, and hollowed out trees.**
- 8.) Are barn owls territorial? **No**
- 9.) How is brood size determined? **By the availability of food. The more food available, the more owlets.**
- 10.) What is the wingspan of these owls? **37 inches**
- 11.) What is the IUCN status of barn owls? **Least Concern**
- 12.) Their scientific name is... **Tyto alba**
- 13.) Are they able to hunt in snowy weather? **No**