

Names, animals, and meanings (K)

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Kalan. Any species of the genus *Calanus* (*Kalanus*) of the family *Calanidae* (*Kalanidae*). Red marine copepods of the northern oceans that are a major food source for birds. Copepods are members of *Copepoda* (*Kopepoda*, meaning oar foot), a subclass of *Crustacea* of which many members are parasites of fish. The *Calanus* species are thus small red marine crustaceans eaten by birds. Thief killed by Auk.

Kerria. A genus of aquatic American worms. Also a genus of Chinese shrubs. Boy.

Kingcup. Also called kingcob. Any species of buttercups in the genus *Ranunculus* or a name for the marsh marigold (*Caltha palustris*). Owner of a stable. Fought for Mint. Became councillor. King denotes that she obtained a position of authority.

Kit. Also spelled kitt. Short for kitten. Any immature animal of a furry species. Boy.

Kypris. Word meaning a woman from Kypros (Cyprus). Another name for Aphrodite (Venus) the goddess of love and beauty. Also called Kypria.

Named because her cult came to Greece from Cyprus. The name Aphrodite is supposedly from the Greek word *aphros* (foam) because she was supposedly born from the sea foam when Cronos threw Uranus' genitals into it. However, in Cyprus she was called Atargatis, and the Hebrew name was Ashtoreth. The Greek pronunciations ranged from Astoreth to Attorethe to Aphthorethe. Venus is simply the Latin word *venus* (stem *vener-*) meaning grace, charm, desire, sexual love. Other similar words that have their origin from Cyprus are copper and cypress. Aphrodite was married to Hephaistos (Vulcanus), the god of fire and smiths but had many affairs, usually with Ares (Mars) the god of war. With Ares she had the children Phobos (Panic), Deinos (Terror), Eros (Sex), and Harmonia (Peace). Minor goddess of love. Associated with white doves and rabbits. Mistress of Pas.

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