

Just for Kids

Moose on the Loose!

Moose in Connecticut? Yes!

Each year there are sightings of moose in Connecticut. About 300 live in neighboring Massachusetts and some travel south into Connecticut. A few moose even call Connecticut 'home.'

Where do moose live?

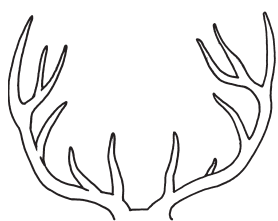
In forests, where they eat twigs, leaves and buds from trees and shrubs. They also like to eat water plants, such as pond lilies, in wetland habitats.

Moose are **BIG** animals!

They can stand over six feet tall at the shoulders. Their legs are very long and slender. And, they can weigh up to 1,400 pounds! A bull's antlers are huge and can spread to more than five feet across. Moose have a "bell," or flap of skin underneath their throat. The bell is larger on bulls than on cows.



Can you identify the antlers below?



A



B



C

Answers:

- a) Elk (elk are not found in Connecticut)
- b) Moose
- c) White-tailed deer

Pound for Pound

How many pounds . . .

. . . do newborn calves weigh?

. . . does an adult moose eat each day?

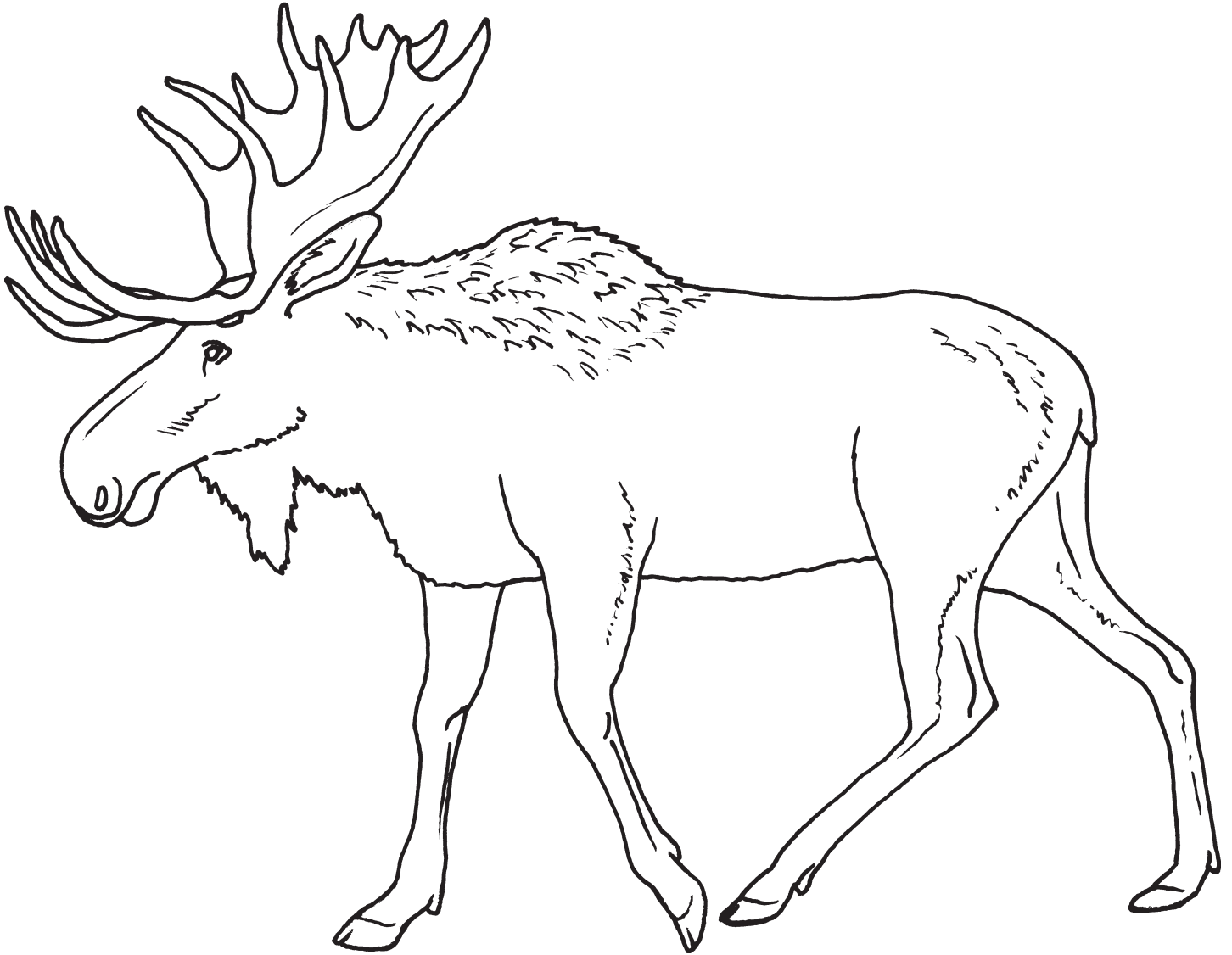
. . . can a bull moose's antlers weigh?

Answers: 1. 20 to 25; 2. 40 to 50; 3. 60

Moose

Moose live in woodland habitats in Canada and the northern United States. They are very big animals and can weigh up to 1,400 pounds.

Body: Tan to blackish-brown
Face: Black



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