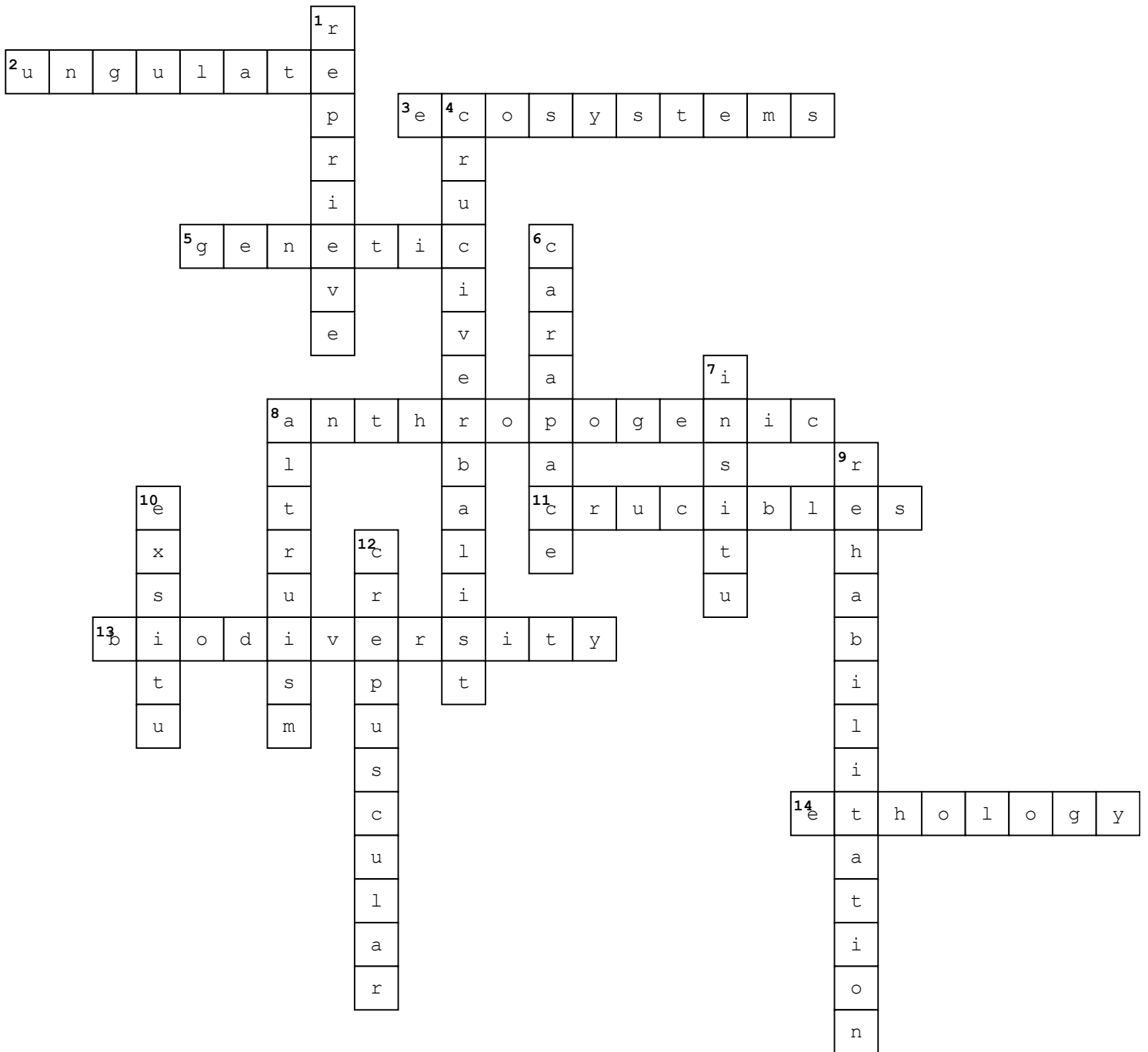


The Importance of Animal Sanctuaries



Across

2. A hoofed mammal, many species of which are protected and rehabilitated in animal sanctuaries.
3. Biological communities of interacting organisms and their physical environments, interconnected and impacted by the health and presence of wildlife species.

Down

1. A temporary relief from harm or discomfort, which animal sanctuaries provide to rescued wildlife.
4. A person who enjoys or is skilled at solving crossword puzzles, likely to appreciate the rich vocabulary associated with animal sanctuaries.

5. Relating to genes or heredity, with sanctuaries often contributing to the genetic diversity and vitality of endangered species through breeding programs.
8. Caused or produced by humans, often used to describe environmental changes or pressures that affect wildlife and necessitate sanctuaries.
11. Situations of severe trial leading to the creation of something new, akin to how sanctuaries serve as places where animals can redevelop their natural behaviors.
13. The variety and variability of life forms within a given ecosystem, region, or the entire planet, essential for the stability and resilience of ecological systems.
14. The scientific study of animal behavior, particularly in natural conditions, a key aspect of animal care in sanctuaries.
6. The hard upper shell of a turtle, crustacean, or arachnid, often a subject of interest and care in wildlife sanctuaries.
7. On-site conservation efforts to maintain species within their natural habitats, protecting the integrity of ecosystems.
8. The selfless concern for the well-being of others, a principle driving the establishment and operation of animal sanctuaries.
9. The process of restoring someone or something to a state of health or normal life, referring to the care animals receive in sanctuaries to recover from past traumas.
10. Conservation method involving the relocation of endangered species from their natural habitat to a controlled setting for protection and breeding.
12. Animals that are active primarily during twilight, that is, during dawn and dusk, a behavior pattern observed and supported in sanctuary environments.