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n.
Any of various extinct carnivorous mammals of the order Creodonta of the Tertiary Era.

[From New Latin *Creodonta*, suborder name : Greek *kreas*, flesh; see **kreuə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Greek *odont-*, tooth.]

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