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20 FUN FACTS ABOUT ANIMALS

Ostriches can’t fly, but they can run faster than horses; up to 43 mph.

Polar bears have black skin.

Squirrels cannot see the color red.

Platypuses don’t have a stomach.

Some penguins can march up to 60 miles.

Dogs keep cool by sweating through their foot pads and panting.

Flamingos have to eat with their head upside down.

Owls don’t have eyeballs; they have eye tubes.

There are 32 muscles in a cat’s ear.

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BABY ANIMALS AND THEIR PARENTS

Match the baby animal name to the parent animal name.

HATCHLING  CUB  PIGLET  JOEY  KITTEN

Why do baby animals have different names than adult animals? Well, it’s similar to how people have different names, like babies, kids, teenagers, and adults. We use different names to help describe the stages of development, or how an animal grows. It also helps us to differentiate between a baby and their parent.

ANSWERS: Cub-Lion, Joeys-Koala, Hatchlings-Turtle, Kitten-Cat, Piglet-Pig
Animal Book Spotlight

**Orca Rescue!**

*Orca Rescue!* is a true story about how a young orca was found separated from her family near Vashon Island, WA. Readers will be captivated by this story and how this orca, named Springer, reunites with her family while learning all about orcas along the journey. With beautiful illustrations, this true story will make you want to visit the Puget Sound and look for orcas yourself!

**I’m Not Missing**

This is a fun book about how a dog decides to leave his owner because he was fed up with being a pet. It’ll make you laugh out loud, but at the same time make you think about how dogs are treated. *I’m Not Missing* is told from a dog’s point of view and has fun illustrations that will make young readers want to read this again and again.

**At the Poles**

For readers who love poetry, *At the Poles* is filled with poems about Artic and Antarctic animals. The book has wonderful illustrations of animals throughout the book. From emperor penguins, walrus, and musk ox to tardigrade, colossal squid, and narwhals, this book is filled with 15 short poems that animal lovers will enjoy.

**Whales to the Rescue**

*Whales to the Rescue* explores all things about whales from a whale’s food chain to their migration routes. This book has beautiful illustrations with a lot of details and is perfect for any ocean lover. Look for the full book review on July 13 in The Columbian for Kids page in the Saturday newspaper and online at columbia.com/kids-editions.

**Dudley’s Day at Home**

When Sam and his mom are out of the house, Sam starts asking questions about what their dog, Dudley, does at home while they’re gone. His mom explains common activities Dudley might do, like sleeping and eating; however, Sam imagines things a little differently. With bright and fun illustrations, *Dudley’s Day at Home* is perfect for young pet lovers.

**Good Night Washington State**

Filled with all the amazing things you can see and do in Washington State, this book has bright pictures and easy to read text that is perfect for young readers. *Good Night Washington State* includes animals you can see in Washington, like mountain goats, orcas, steelhead fish, and even the giraffes at the zoo.
Little Owl

*Little Owl* is a cute, rhyming story showing the life cycle of an owl in a fun way. From hatching out of an egg, to flying and starting a family of their own, readers will discover the life of an owl. This book is educational and includes lots of fun and bright illustrations that’s perfect for young readers who love owls and learning.

Butterfly for a King

*Butterfly for a King* is an amazing story about the Kamehameha butterfly in Hawaii. As a dual reader, this book has short text at the top of every page and longer, more in-depth text at the bottom. This book features unique illustrations that are fun for readers to look at.

Elephant Quest

Head to the Moremi Reserve and go on a quest to find elephants. While there, discover hippos, lions, kudu bulls, wild dogs, giraffes, and other animals in this region. Learn about the cycle of life and how some animals hunt for prey. Then discover the elephants and learn all about them. *Elephant Quest* has beautiful watercolor illustrations that animal enthusiasts will enjoy.

Balarama: A Royal Elephant

Head to India in *Balarama: A Royal Elephant* to learn all about the elephant, Balarama, who leads a ceremonial parade. This book shows a part of the Indian culture. The mix of beautiful watercolor illustrations and cartoon watercolors make the book fun to look at while reading along.

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WHAT DO WE CALL THAT ANIMAL GROUP?

Have you ever wondered what to call a specific group of animals? Well, let’s learn some animal group names!

- Baboons: A troop
- Beavers: A colony
- Bunnies: A fluffle
- Camels: A caravan
- Coyotes: A band
- Crows: A murder
- Deer: A herd
- Dolphins: A pod
- Flamingos: A stand
- Giraffes: A tower
- Jaguars: A shadow
- Lions: A pride
- Penguins: A colony
- Porcupines: A prickle
- Raccoons: A gaze
- Rhinos: A crash
- Sharks: A shiver
- Skunks: A stench
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- Zebras: A zeal

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Did you know that you are an animal?

Are you a plant? Of course not! That means you are an animal. It’s that easy. There are so many kinds of animals in our world. Some live on land. Some live in water. Some like both!

Scientists put animals into groups to make it easier to study them. One of these groups is called mammals. A mammal is an animal that breathes air, has a backbone, and grows hair at some point in its life. Also, a mammal is warm-blooded and most do not lay eggs. What kinds of mammals are in your home? Guess what? You! Do you breathe air, have a backbone, and grow hair? Yes! Were you hatched from an egg? No! That means you are a mammal. Other kinds of mammals in your home are your dog or cat. If you have a hamster, that is a mammal too. What kinds of mammals do you see in your backyard or around your neighborhood? Squirrels and rabbits! What kinds of animals are NOT mammals? Fish, birds, insects, frogs, and snakes are some examples.

Here’s something weird, though. Did you know whales and dolphins are mammals? Even though they live in the ocean, they still need air. They have backbones. They don’t lay eggs. But what about growing hair? They do! Most whales and dolphins have some hair when they are born, and some of them keep their hair all their life. Most whales have hair where land-mammals have whiskers.

Another animal group is called amphibians. Even if you are a good swimmer and love being in the water, you are not an amphibian. Why? Because you grow hair and don’t lay eggs. Amphibians need water and air to live. They have smooth skin without hair or scales. Some examples of amphibian animals are frogs and salamanders.

What about turtles and snakes? Are they amphibians? No. They are in an animal group called reptiles. They breathe air and have scales or bony plates such as a turtle’s shell. Most reptiles lay eggs. But guess what? A boa constrictor doesn’t lay eggs. A boa constrictor gives birth to live young.

Birds and insects are animals also, but they are not in any of these groups. Why are they not in these animal groups? If you’re curious to find out more, research online or have someone help you find out why. It might be fun to visit a zoo or pet store to show what you have learned!
animal jokes

How does a bee get to school?
On the school buzz!

What happens when a frog's car breaks down?
It gets toad away!

Why do birds fly south for the winter?
Because it's too far to walk!

What are cats' favorite desserts?
Chocolate mouse!

What type of dog keeps the best time?
A watch dog!

How does a mouse feel after they take a bath?
Squeaky clean!

Where do cows like to go for fun?
To the Moo-ovies!

Why are fish so smart?
Because they live in schools!

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Hey kids! Get ready for the most exciting event of the summer – the Clark County Fair! It’s almost time to grab your family and friends and head to the Fairgrounds because we’ve got something super special waiting for you this August.

When you enter the Fairgrounds, be sure to pick up a map to see where all the animals are waiting to greet you. You’ll be certain to see the goats in the show ring or just hanging around being silly goats having fun. Visit our cows that enjoy munching on hay and love meeting new friends.

Along the way, you’ll find the sheep and cavies too. The horses may be in the arena, in their stalls or in the opening day parade. There are ponies in the Kids Park too! And guess what? We even have Curly the Camel visiting again, just down from the Bee Barn. Yes, you can see a real beehive!

It isn’t everywhere that you can see a Pigeon display, but you can here. Don’t forget to visit the lovely llamas along the Llama Greenway. These animals and so many more!

Not only will you meet these amazing animals, but you’ll also learn lots of cool things about them while playing the scavenger hunt “Passport to Fun”. You’ll discover what they eat, where they sleep, and how they help us besides being fun. The Barn Babble talks are back where you will learn even more about our animal friends.

The Fair is home to other animals too. There are parrots to see at the Pirate’s Parrot ship and you can even feed and get up close to the butterflies at the Butterfly Adventures tent. DogTown is back where our furry dog friends will be diving, splashing, and swimming each day.

The Dino Encounters area doesn’t have real Dinosaurs but there is a 78’ obstacle course shaped like one for you to enjoy. Lots of other fun things to do too while you are there learning all about them.

The Clark County Fair runs from August 2nd to August 11th, so mark your calendars and get ready for 10-days of fun! Gates open at 10 AM every day. The animals are waiting to meet you, and we promise it’ll be the highlight of your summer!

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