

Zoo Knew?

Animal news and fun facts!



All of the animals in the Zippos Circus are rescued animals. They're given the upmost care and love from the circus owners!

There's a Cat Circus!

Most circuses are all about the lions and elephants, but the star performers of the Zippos Circus are the AcroCats! This group of 27 former street cats has mastered some stunning performances. From tightrope walking to high leap jumping, they do it all!

AT Expert answers YOUR questions!



How do I know when my guinea pig is happy? I feel like he's lonely all day when I'm at school!

— Nick, 7, CT

Nick, guinea pigs make many squeaky noises, but if you pet your pig gently and listen closely, he'll make a purring noise. That's his way of tell you "I'm happy!" Animals (just like people) enjoy the company of friends, so even though he's feeling loved, he still can't wait for you to come home and play with him!

Whenever I talk to my dog, Angel, her head turns sideways. Is she confused? Why does she turn her head so much?

— Olivia, 10, NY



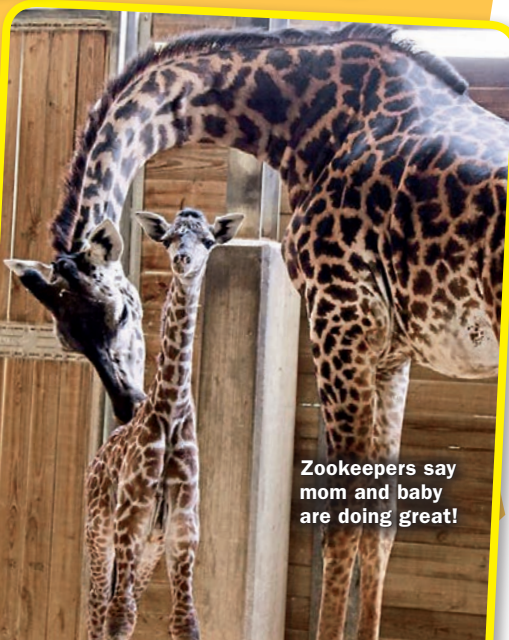
Olivia, when you talk with your dog, Angel, she wants to let you know that she's listening — that's why she turns her head so often. Just like people, animals have many different expressions. Dogs respond to our every word, and they understand most of what we are telling them since they are extremely smart!

Want to know why your pet is behaving a certain way (like why your pup is hiding all of your socks)? Ask our animal communications expert, Teresa! Just send your name, question, pet's name and pet's photo to: AT Help! 270 Sylvan Ave. Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632.



Meet the Giraffe Baby!

The zookeepers at Brevard Zoo in Melbourne, FL, are celebrating! Not only did one of their Masai giraffes give birth to a healthy boy, he's also the tallest newborn that's ever been born at the zoo. The baby stood a staggering 6'4" tall upon birth. You see, most giraffes are only six feet tall when born!



Zookeepers say mom and baby are doing great!



Ryan wants to help as many sea creatures as he can!

Boy Raises \$3,500 for The Ocean Conservancy!

Ryan M. from Florida, who is 8-years-old, has raised over \$3,500 for The Ocean Conservancy by making and selling sea-themed magnets, ornaments and key chains. He even won the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, which recognizes outstanding kids' efforts. "I have loved sea animals since as far back as I can remember," Ryan shares with AT. "The thing that inspired me to want to help sea animals is that I saw how they were being treated, and I knew I needed to do something. I came up with the idea of using recycled stones, glass and driftwood for my products because it's important for me to reduce, reuse and recycle!" Visit thefisheswishes.com with an adult to learn even more about Ryan's handmade ocean-themed designs!



Way to go, Lucca!

We ♥ Lucca!

Lucca is a retired U.S. Marine Corps dog who lost her leg while serving with the U.S. troops in Afghanistan. She recently received the highest award ever granted to an animal serving in the military! "Lucca is very intelligent, loyal and had an amazing drive for work as a search dog," says her owner, Gunnery Sergeant Christopher Willingham.

Unicorns Are Real!

You read that correctly!

Although it's not as pretty as the unicorns you know and love from fairy tales, scientists have discovered an animal fossil of the single-horned Siberian unicorn, which lived about 29,000 years ago!



EWW, GROSS!

Bearcat urine smells like popcorn!

The buttery scent of their pee is due to the compound 2-AP — which also gives fresh popcorn its yummy smell. So weird!



Did You Know?



There's a duck with 3D printed feet! Phillip the duck lost both of his feet to frostbite, but some nice humans created new ones for hi with a 3D printer, letting him swim and play again!



Tula takes some of the silliest pics of her doggy friends, like this one!

Cute Canine Photographer!

Have you ever wondered what other dogs looked like from your pup's point-of-view? Well, an adorable doggy *puptographer* is making waves across Instagram! Tula wears a GoPro camera attached to a harness while she runs and plays at the dog park. All of the photos she snaps are posted in real time and are super cute. With an adult's permission, check out more photos at instagram.com/caninehappyhour.

Scientists Can Now Study Glow-In-The-Dark Sharks!



The light helps their species identify each other.

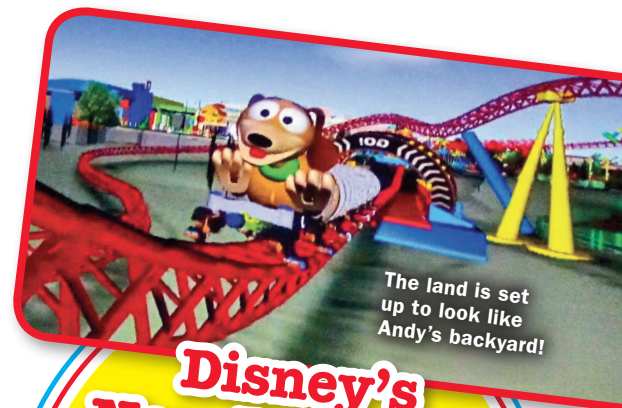
Catsharks have something called biofluorescence, where light is produced by the shark itself — but humans aren't able to see it with the naked eye. Researchers have created a camera that replicates the same light, so they're able to see the sharks in the dark depths of the ocean. This will help them better study the sharks' communication and living habits!

Gotta Get It!



\$149, budsies.com/petsies

Now you can get a stuffed animal version of your pet with **Budsies Petsies**! Just submit a photo of your furry family member and you'll get back a realistic plush pal. Cool!



The land is set up to look like Andy's backyard!

Disney's New Dog Ride!

Toy Story Land is underway at Disney's Hollywood Studios in Florida! The new attraction will feature a Slinky Dog Dash roller coaster ride that dips and twists. It opens next year!

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