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Did you know...
the original name for
butterfly was 'flutterby'!"



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**The smallest bird
in the world is the
hummingbird.
It weighs 1 oz.**



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**A beaver can hold
its breath for 45 minutes.**



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**Hummingbirds are
the only birds that
can fly backwards.**



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**A goldfish has a
memory span
of three seconds.**



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**The ears of a cricket
are located on the
front legs, just
below the knee.**



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A "snood" is the flap of skin that hangs over a turkey's beak. It turns bright red when the turkey is upset or during courtship.



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Clutch:
**A clutch of eggs is the
total number of eggs
laid in one nesting attempt.**



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**All polar bears
are left-handed.**



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**Coyotes can breed with
domestic dogs and wolves.
A dog and coyote mix
is called a "coydog".**



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Wolves are rarely aggressive towards people. Wolves are shy around people and will choose to run away, even when humans search their dens for young.

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Sea otters are the only marine mammal to have fur instead of blubber. Their fur is the densest of all mammals at 100,000 hairs per square centimeter!



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**When the Grizzly is
stocking up for winter,
it can eat up to 90
pounds of food each day.**



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Porcupines have poor vision but good senses of hearing and smell.



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**A single little brown bat
can catch 1200 mosquito-sized
insects in just one hour.**



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**An albatross can sleep
when it flies. It can doze
while cruising at 25 m.p.h.**



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Beaver teeth are so sharp that Native Americans once used them as knife blades.



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**Carnivorous animals will not
eat another animal that has
been hit by a lightning strike.**



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**Dragonflies are one of the
fastest insects,
flying 50 to 60 m.p.h.**



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**In its entire lifetime, the
average worker bee produces
1/12th teaspoon of honey.**



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**It takes a lobster
approximately seven
years to grow to
be one pound.**



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**Moles are able to
tunnel though 300 feet
of earth in a day.**



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**The bones of a pigeon
weigh less than its feathers.**

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The expression "three dog night" originated with the Eskimos and means a very cold night - so cold that you have to bed down with three dogs to keep warm.



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**The penalty for killing a cat,
4000 years ago in Egypt,
was death.**



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**The poisonous copperhead
snake smells like fresh
cut cucumbers.**



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**There are 2600 different
species of frogs. They live on every
continent except Antarctica.**