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On November 20, 2007, President George W. Bush granted a "pardon" to two turkeys, named May and Flower, at the 60th annual National Thanksgiving Turkey presentation, held in the Rose Garden at the White House. The two turkeys were flown to Orlando, Florida, where they served as honorary grand marshals for the Disney World Thanksgiving Parade. The current tradition of presidential turkey pardons began in 1947, under Harry Truman, but the practice is said to have informally begun with Abraham Lincoln, who granted a pardon to his son Tad's pet turkey.

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*Domesticated turkeys (farm raised) cannot fly. Wild turkeys can fly for short distances at up to 55 miles per hour. Wild turkeys are also fast on the ground, running at speeds of up to 25 miles per hour.

*Parrots, the most famous of all talking birds, rarely acquire a vocabulary of more than twenty words, however Tymphoney Greys and African Greys have been known to carry vocabularies in excess of 100 words.

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

*The first seeing-eye dog was presented to a blind person on April 25, 1938.

*Guinness Book of Records once listed the Komondor as having the longest continuously growing coat of any animal.

*Dr. Samuel Johnson was reputed to have bought fresh oysters personally each day and fed them to his beloved pet cat, "Hodge".

*The first time a Beagle was mentioned in the cartoon strip, "Peanuts," was in 1960 when Snoopy denied being one.

*A house cat's genome is 95.6 percent tiger, and they share many behaviors with their jungle ancestors. These behaviors include scent marking by scratching, prey play, prey stalking, pouncing, chinning, and urine marking.

*The 9 original "charter breeds" of the AKC, all recognized way back in 1878, were the Pointer, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Clumber Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel, Sussex Spaniel, Irish Water Spaniel, Irish Setter, English Setter and Gordon Setter. They are all part of the Sporting Group.

QUIZ

1. What was the first cat character balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving day Parade?
2. Which breed of dog yodels instead of barks?
3. What is the most popular breed of dog in the United States?
4. What is a Turkey Trot?
5. What is the normal body temperature of a cat?
6. What is a baby Swan called?

ANSWERS

1. Felix the Cat.
2. Basenji .
3. Labrador Retriever.
4. A long-distance foot race.
5. 101.5.
6. A Cygnet.

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DOGS

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CATS

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JOKES

A Thanksgiving Story

The pro football team had just finished their daily practice when a large turkey came strutting onto the field. While the players gazed in amazement, the turkey walked up to the head coach and demanded a tryout. Everyone stared in silence as the turkey caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line!

When the turkey returned to the sidelines, the coach shouted, "You're terrific!! You made the team and I'll see to it that you get a huge bonus". "Forget the bonus" the turkey shouted, "I want to know if I'll be playing on Thanksgiving Day?"

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Sonic Boom

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Greyhound Trivia

*The Romans believed that greyhounds came from Gaul (western Europe), the land of the Celts. The Celts, on the other hand, believed that greyhounds came from Greece, and so called them "Greek hounds" (greyhound may in fact be a derivation of Greek hound).

*The greyhound is the worlds fastest dog. It can run up to about 45 mph! Usian Bolt set the world record of 9.58 seconds to run 100m. It would take a greyhound 5.33 seconds to run that same distance.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade – will go virtual this year, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio announced recently, with the department store company confirming that the event will be drastically reduced in size, abandon the traditional 2.5-mile route and employ five specialty vehicles to anchor the signature giant character balloons. The event billed as The 94th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will air nationwide on NBC-TV, Thursday, November 26 from 9 a.m. to noon, in all time zones. "This year the celebration will shift to a television only special presentation," Macy's said in a statement, "showcasing the Macy's Parade's signature mix of giant character helium balloons, fantastic floats, street performers, clowns and heralding the arrival of the holiday season with the one-and-only Santa Claus.

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The American Kennel Club says the earliest mention of dogs being sighted in America appeared in a 17th century journal called "Mourt's Relation", a history of the first years of life in the brave new world.

According to the story, there were two dogs – an English Springer Spaniel and a Mastiff – that were brought from England by a pilgrim named John Goodman. These two dogs participated in the first discoveries of human life and the abundant food sources found on Cape Cod during the first winter in the New World.

This Thanksgiving let's give special thanks to the English Springer Spaniel and the Mastiff who came to America to help the Pilgrims begin their life in the new world. While both dogs helped the settlers find and retrieve much needed nourishment, they were also loyal, trusted companions that proved to be indispensable to the pilgrims in many other ways.

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KING TUT IN THE WHITE HOUSE



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The solution? Play up Hoover's natural affection for his German Shepherd dog, 'King Tut'. A photograph was taken of a smiling Hoover with King Tut's paws in his hands as if Hoover were vote-begging. Adorned with Hoover's signature, the photo was mailed out to voters across the country. Apparently, it worked.

Swearing Parrot

A man goes to a pet shop and buys a talking parrot. He takes the parrot home and tries to teach the parrot how to say a few things, but instead, the parrot just swears at him. After a few hours of trying to teach the bird, the man finally says, "If you don't stop swearing, I'm going to put you in the freezer as punishment." The parrot continues, so finally the man puts the bird in the freezer. About an hour later, the parrot asks the man to please open the door. As the man takes the shivering bird out of the freezer, it says, "I promise to never swear again. Just tell me what that turkey did!"

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A Brief History of Cranberries

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1550: A Sour Staple

Cranberries were a staple for Native Americans, who harvested wild cranberries and used them in a variety of remedies, foods and drinks. These berries were even used in an energy bar-like food called "pemmican," which served as a vital source of nutrition for fur traders during the winter months.

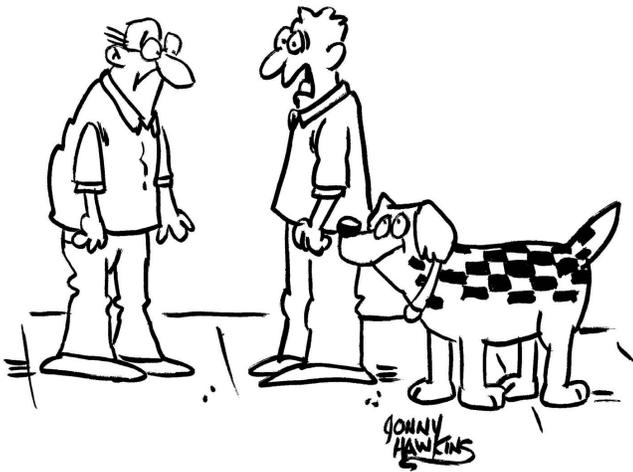
1816: Commercial Cranberries

Commercial cranberry cultivation started in the United States in 1816 when Captain Henry Hall, a Revolutionary war veteran, came across a cranberry vine thriving in some sand on Cape Cod, he became the first person to successfully cultivate cranberries.

1912: Cranberries in a Can

Cranberry sauce may be a Turkey Day staple, but it wasn't available in a can until 1912, when a lawyer named Marcus L. Urann revolutionized the industry and got the idea to buy a cranberry bog and can cranberries. He eventually formed a cranberry cooperative that renamed itself Ocean Spray.

By 1940, cranberry sauce had become the favorite accompaniment to the holiday table and is enjoyed by millions of Americans.

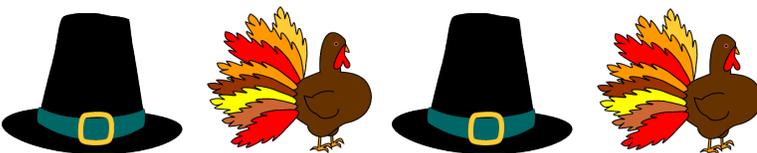


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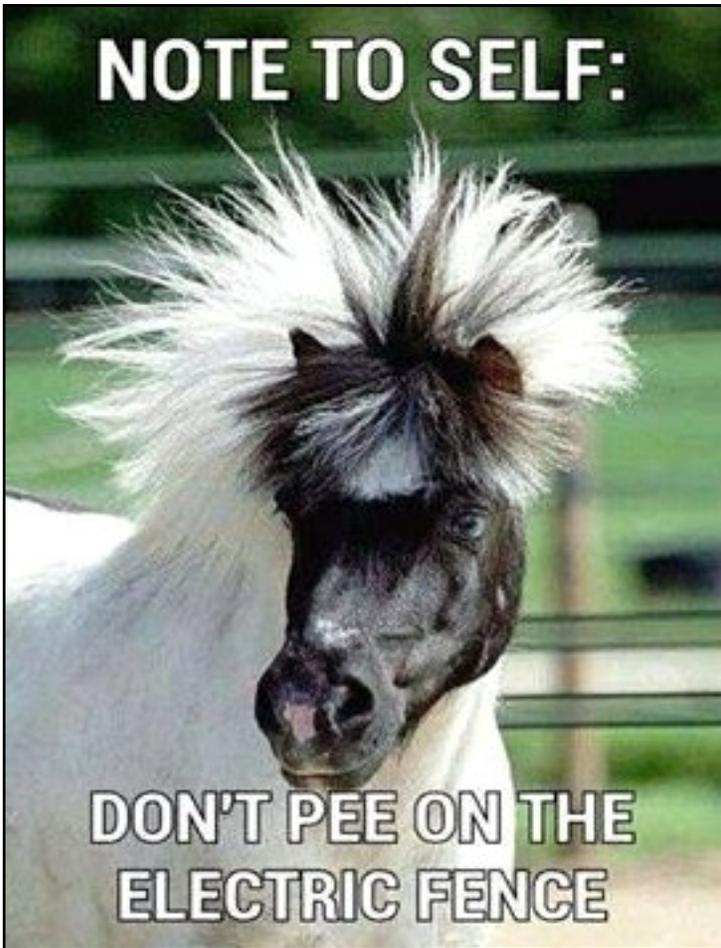
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HORSE TRIVIA



STRANGE HORSE LAWS

- *The horse is New Jersey's state animal.
- *It's illegal in Marion, South Carolina, to tickle a female under her chin with a feather duster to get her attention while she's riding a horse.
- *In New York City, it is illegal to open or close an umbrella in the presence of a horse.(May 2013)
- *It is illegal to fish from horseback in Washington D.C, Colorado, and Utah.
- *Tennessee prohibits riders from lassoing fish.
- *A British law states that an Englishman must not sell a horse to a Scotsman.
- *Horses are required to wear hats in hot weather in Rasario, Argentina.
- *A fine of \$25 can be levied for flirting. This old law specifically prohibits men from turning around on any city street and looking "at a woman in that way." A second conviction for a crime of this magnitude calls for the violating male to be forced to wear a "pair of horse-blinders" wherever and whenever he goes outside for a stroll.
- *In Guerne, Illinois, it is illegal for women weighing more than 200 pounds to ride horses in shorts.
- *In London, England, the law required taxi drivers to carry a bale of hay on top of their cabs to feed their horses. This law was in force until 1976.

Why Do Horses Sleep Standing Up?

Some consider this a trick question. That's because horses actually doze while on their feet and lie down for REM sleep. So, the better question is: Why do horses nap while standing? Mainly because sleeping while lying down can be dangerous. It takes a bit of work for horses to get up, which makes them vulnerable to attacks by predators. To protect themselves, horses instead doze while standing. They're able to do this through the stay apparatus, a special system of tendons and ligaments that enables a horse to lock the major joints in its legs. The horse can then relax and nap without worrying about falling. When horses need deep sleep, however, they lie down, usually for a series of short intervals that amount to about two to three hours a day. And even then they often have another horse standing nearby and serving as a lookout.

- A BLM brand is a brand placed on an animal by the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It is probably best known as the brand used on BLM horses (aka "mustangs"). The brand uses a system known as the "angle system" to create the numbers 0-9 with only two characters.
- The horse has one stomach. In contrast, cattle, sheep, goats, bison, deer, elk, caribou, moose, and camels are "ruminants" which means (among other things) they have four digestive chambers instead of just one stomach.

You know you're a horse person when.....

- * You cluck to your car when you go up a hill.
- * Your horse's hair is in better condition than your own.
- * You refer to your car as "my portable tack room."
- * You are excited when your friend tells you that there is a huge sale at the bridle shop, then you're disappointed when you realize they mean the bridal shop.
- * You have the vet's number but not your kid's pediatrician on your speed dial.
- * Your spouse can track dirt into the house all they want, but God help them if they muddy up the tack room.
- * Your house is a mess, but the barn is as neat as a pin.
- * Your nice clothes are the ones without horsehair all over them.
- * You have to go to your friend's wedding in riding clothes because you took too long at the barn.



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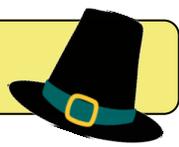
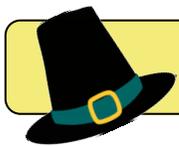
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HIBERNATION

What months do animals hibernate?

There are several animals that hibernate— skunks, bees, snakes, and groundhogs to name a few— but bears and bats are the most well-known. Bears enter their dens for hibernation based on changes in the weather. They generally begin hibernating in September or October and emerge six to seven months later around April.

What animal hibernates the longest?

Aside from some insects and microbes, the only other animal capable of such extraordinary hibernating abilities is the Siberian salamander, which can stay frozen for four to five months

Which animals are true hibernators?

There are different kinds of hibernation. The "true" hibernators sleep so deeply that they are almost impossible to wake up. Woodchucks, ground squirrels and bats are "true" hibernators. A woodchuck's heart rate goes from 80 beats a minute when active to 4 or 5 beats a minute when in hibernation.

Do animals poop when they hibernate?

Even those hibernators that don't eat or drink anything at all sometimes defecate and urinate during hibernation (metabolizing stores of fat does produce waste), but these animals expel only a tiny amount during hibernation. Hibernating bears, on the other hand, can go the whole winter without going to the bathroom.

How do animals stay asleep during hibernation?

while they hibernate, they actually aren't asleep the whole time. For instance, during hibernation, animals have reduced heart rates and blood flow, and they survive without eating because their bodies drastically reduce their metabolism.