

# THE ANIMAL zine

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TO EVERY KIND

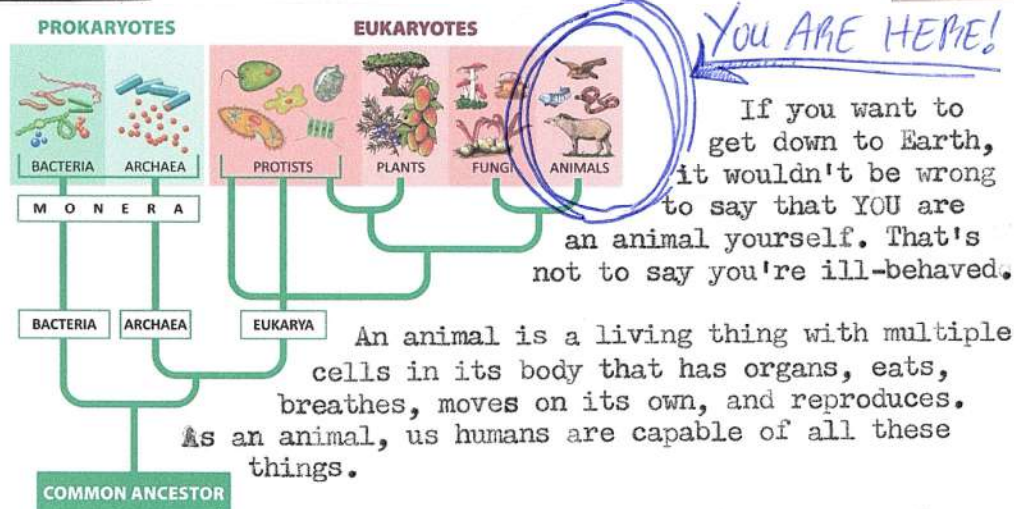


When you imagine what your neighbors look like, what do you see? What if I told you they have fur and feathers? Wings and paw pads and long ears and could breathe underwater? Our planet Earth is populated not only by us humans, but a rich breadth of animal life as well. In this zine, we take an informal look at some of my all time favorite animals and why. I hope you enjoy the animal zine!

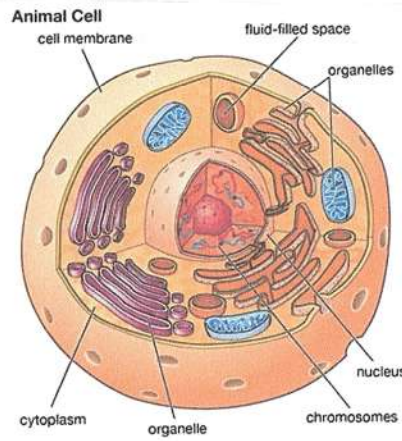
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# WHAT ARE ANIMALS?



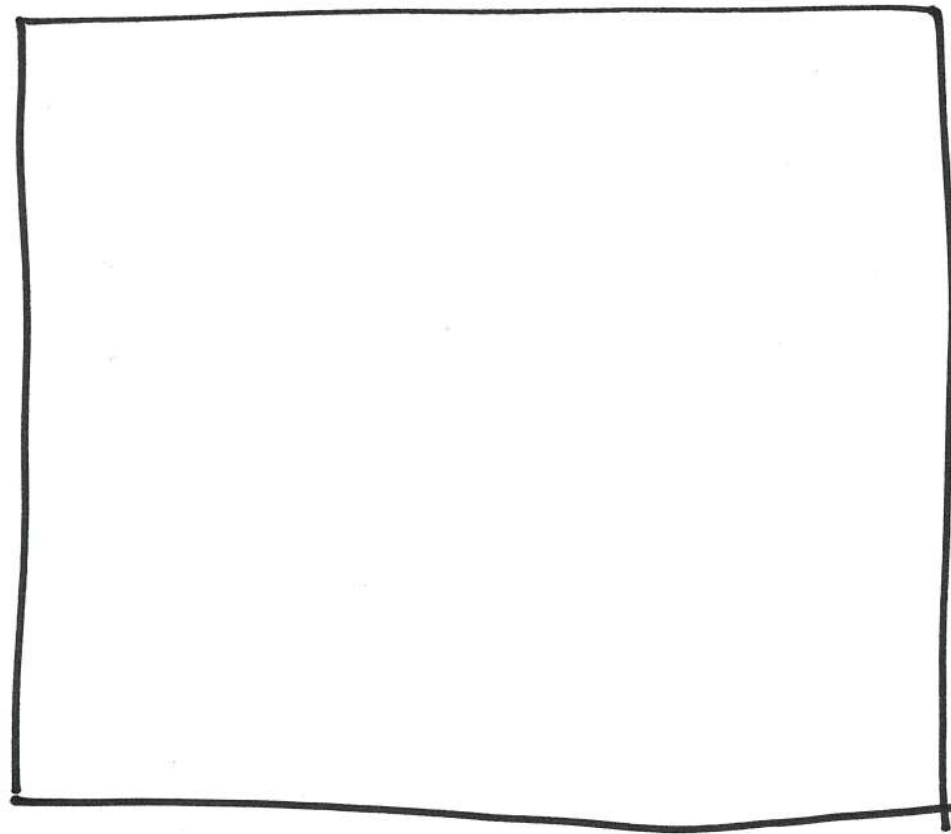
This zine will focus on some of my favorite kinds of animals and the beasts that I find intriguing. Maybe you'll find a new appreciation for some creatures, or you already love all walks of life. Either way, I hope you enjoy and appreciate the animals we share a planet with.



# DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE ANIMAL!?

What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

what does it LOOK like? ↘





# Extinction AND Endangerment

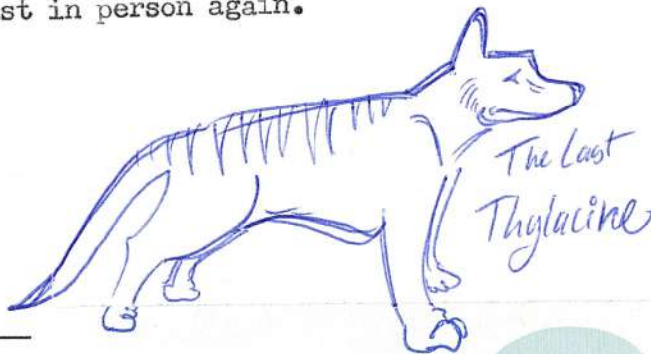
Our beautiful planet Earth is home to not only us, but also a myriad of living creatures big and small. Unfortunately, nothing lasts forever...

Endangered species are at the risk of disappearing completely from our world. We play a huge part in making sure we conserve these animals and their populations.

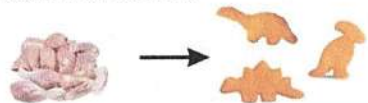
If you appreciate animal life, be sure to never take it for granted. It's possible that one day, you'll never see a certain beast in person again.



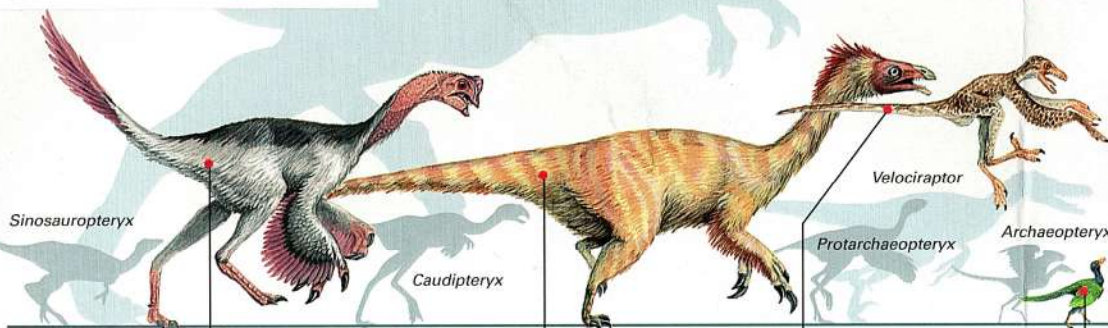
And yet a trace of the true self



Exists in the False Self



Tyrannosaurus



**Unnamed oviraptorosaur**  
A new Mongolian specimen possesses an early evolutionary version of a birdlike tailbone.

**Beipiaosaurus inexpectus**  
The largest dinosaur found with feathers measures seven feet long and bears two-inch-long plumage.

**Sinornithosaurus millenii**  
Though a classic dromaeosaur tail establishes that it is a dinosaur, other skeletal features closely resemble those of birds.

**Archaeoraptor liaoningensis**  
Preliminary studies show that this specimen has startling similarities to both dinosaurs and birds.



What is an ENDLING?

Endling is the term for the last animal of its species. It becomes extinct for good once it dies. A species is technically extinct once the last other animal of the opposite sex dies. In a way, the endling lives out the last of its days in a lonely existence, counting the days until its death.

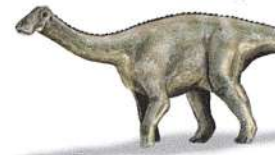
Imagine yourself as the endling of the human race. What is that like? What would you spend your days doing?



Me with a time machine



You are my favorite dinosaur



\*indifferent grunting\*

Sapient corvid with a time machine

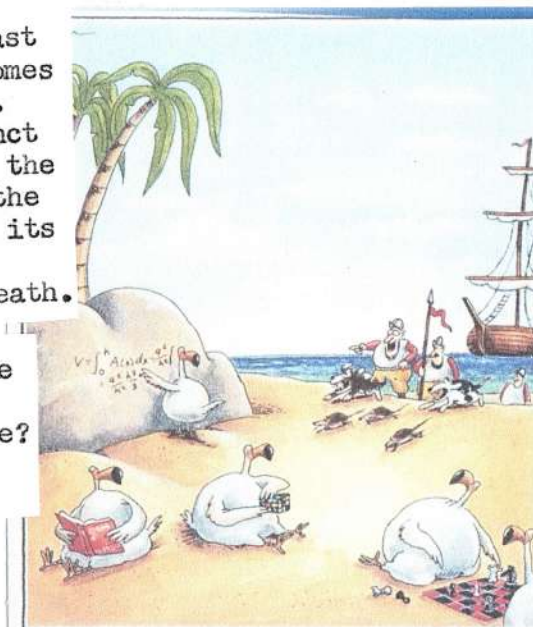


You are my favorite extinct mammal



Thank you.

Hey, wait a minute-



Unbeknownst to most ornithologists, the dodo was actually a very advanced species, living alone quite peacefully until, in the 17th century, it was annihilated by men, rats, and dogs. As usual.



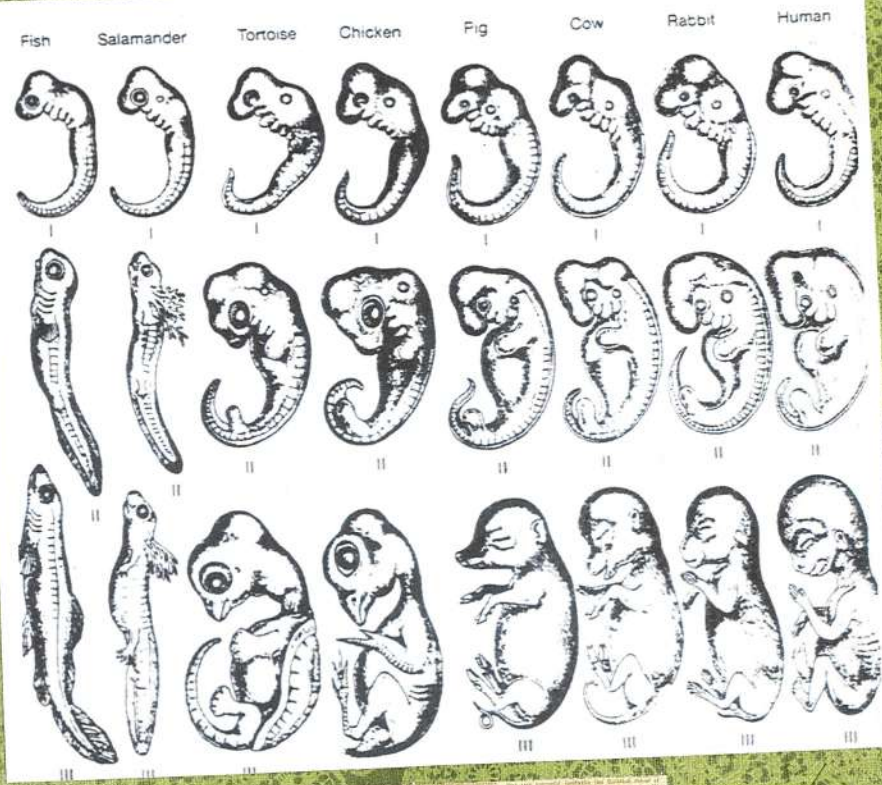
There is only a 10 year difference between these screenshots of Tokyo Mew Mew...

According to the brochure, more than 2500 species face extinction.

there are over 15,000 species on our planet in danger of going extinct.



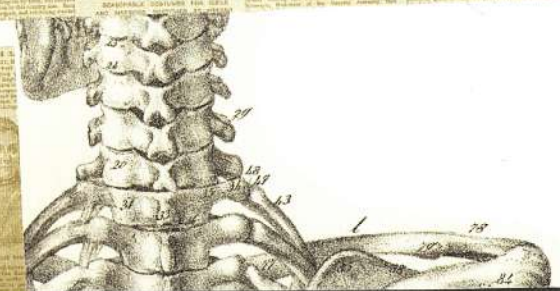
# YOU AND I ARE ANIMALS TOO!



We are homo sapiens. Mammals. Vertebrates. It's undeniable that we share many likenesses with other animals on our planet. Our myth and folk lore often speak of anthropomorphized animals and we often apply human attributes to their behaviors.

If you could be a different animal, what would you be and why?

Early on in vertebrate development, most of these embryos look strikingly similar to one another. Many biologists consider this a call back to our common ancestry before the different species diverged.



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Do these look like human beings capable of living on their own and making independent choices on their own lives?



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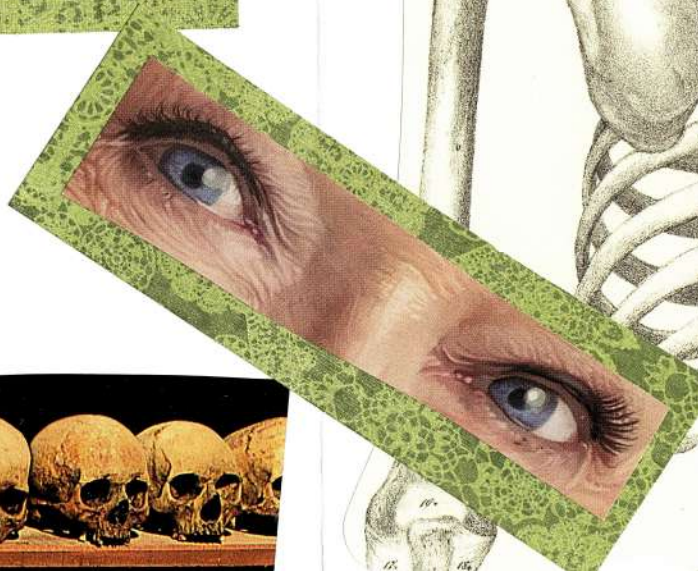
No but they grow up to be

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The one on the left is an elephant. The one on the right is a dog.

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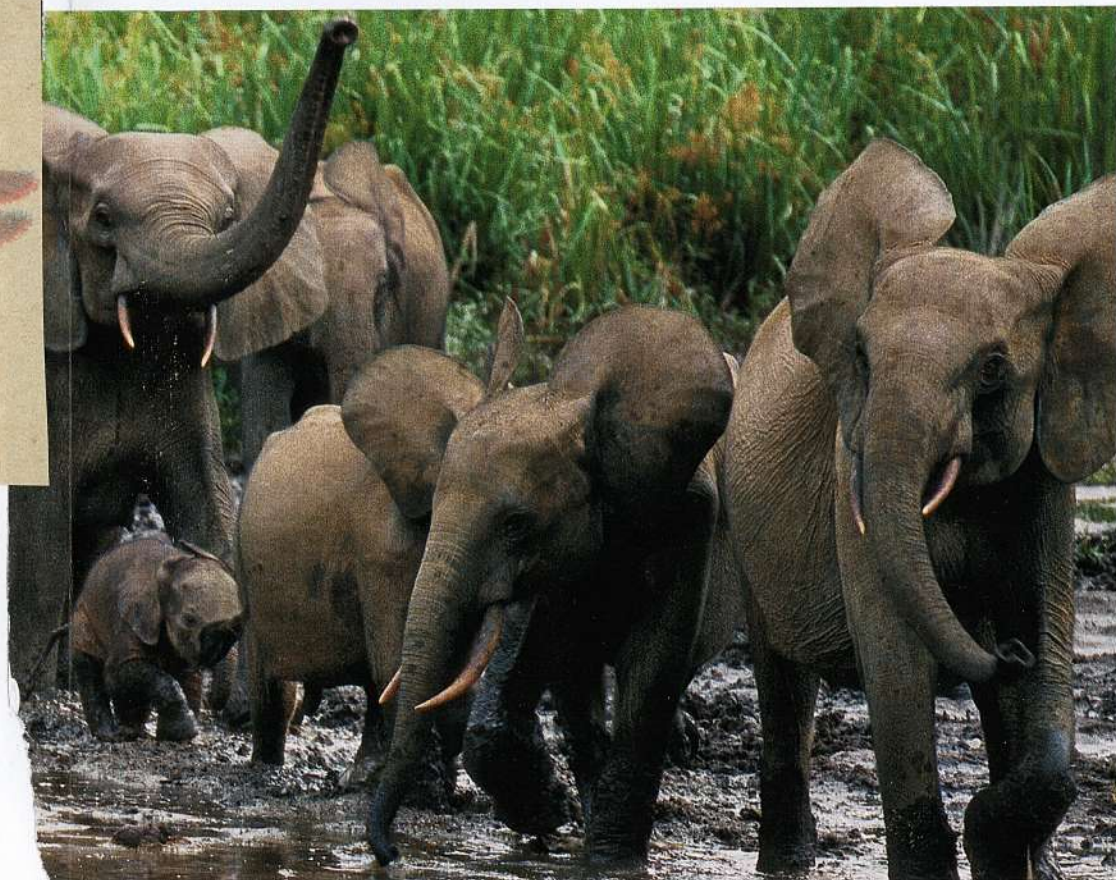
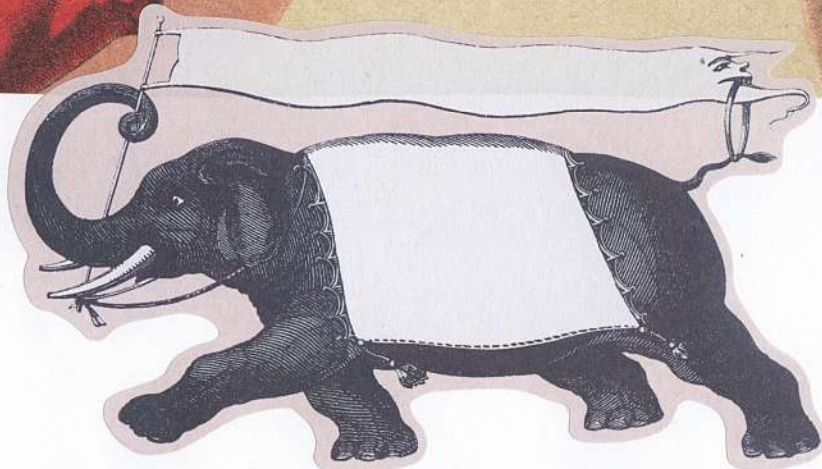
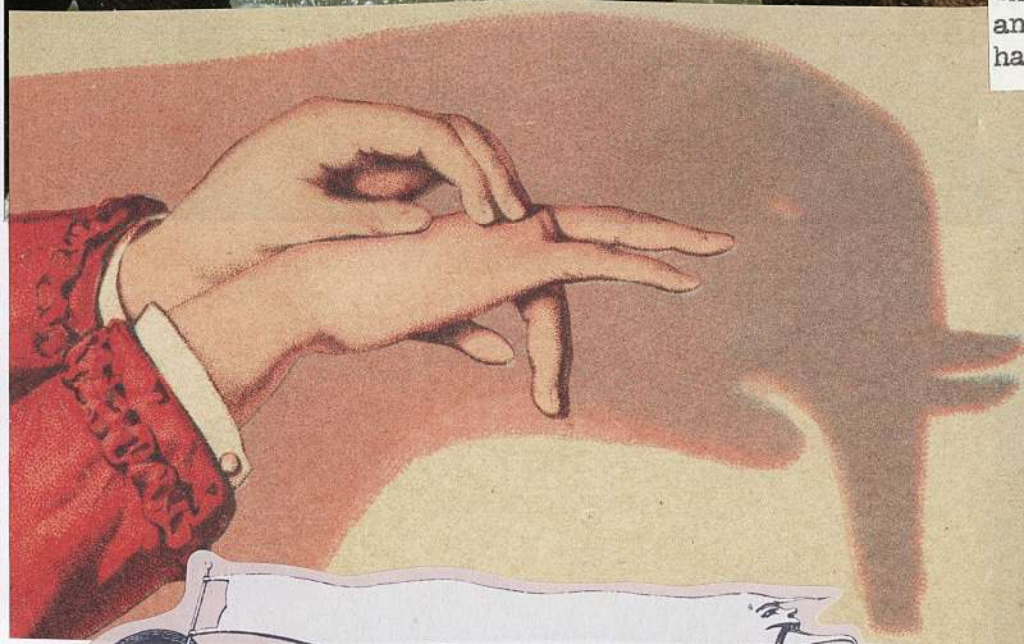




# ELEPHANTS



Magnificent. Elephants are the largest land mammal in the world. I could only imagine what it would be like to stand beside such a huge and breathtaking animal. I think elephants are such soulful creatures who aren't valued for their emotional capacity enough. Their babies suck on their trunks like our human babies do. They can create paintings and works of art like an impressionist painter does. They mourn their dead and move as families. As far as appearances go, an elephant can't be more different than us humans. But they are hauntingly like us in a way that is elegant and reverent to life.





Hands down, tigers are my favorite big cat. I feel a sort of kinship and connection to them, as I was born the year of the earth tiger in 1998. They are so beautiful and languid beasts.



When I want to feel brave, I don my tiger patterned sweater. It's not made from real tigers, but it makes me feel like I am one.



# TIGERS



Once at the Woodland Park Zoo, a tiger walked right up to the glass to greet my group and I when we arrived. How utterly graced I felt.



Photographed by Steve Winter



# Chinchillas

by notorious user mossMacabre

Did you know these little unga bungas have 50 hairs to a folical while your borderline bald ass has 1



He does not like looking at your hairless body

Chinchillas eject hair when they are stressed out which is a vibe because I did the same shit on meds for my bipolar



Though normally they do not look this upset about it



# Rabbits



Most people think of rabbits as rather timid and skittish animals. I beg to differ.



How brave the rabbit or the hare to be a small mammal in a big world full of threats.



I think of the story of Watership Down and of the resilience of rabbits. They are such cunning and intelligent animals. Their ever sniffing noses a sign of their vigilant senses.



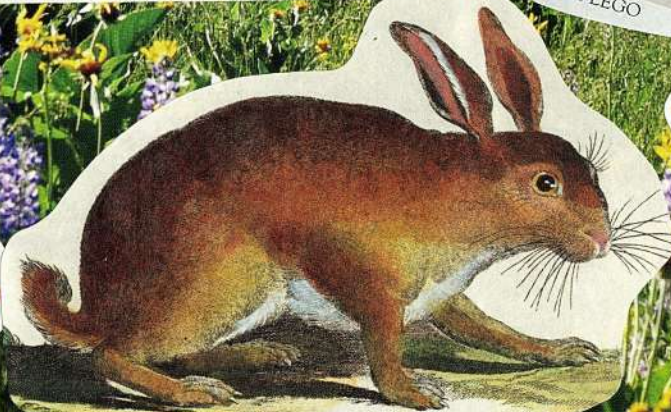
It's true that a rabbit may die of fright, but try to catch one first, I dare you. And when you do, you may find that it is in fact your heart that has been captured by the charming rabbit instead.



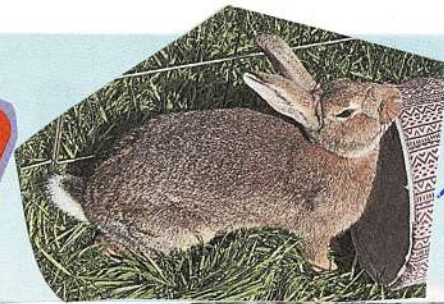
In Japan, there exists a rabbit island, populated by such animals. The island itself a former factory of chemical warfare for WWII. It now exists as a haven for boundless and beautiful bunnies to roam fear-free.



I think of rabbits as a sign and harbinger of fresh new energy. The spring, it brings about new rabbits. Rabbits are a sign of good.



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Bucky  
Thunder  
Buns

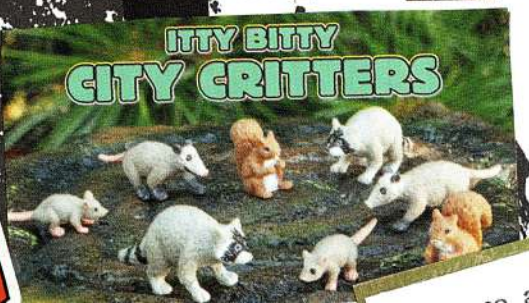




# TRASH

# MAMMALS

## ITTY BITTY CITY CRITTERS



Not every animal's presence is wanted. There are many mammals of north America that are thought to be pests! Even though raccoons, rats, possums, squirrels, and others get in the way, I still find them to be loveable and resilient beasts.



Rats are actually very clean animals and groom themselves regularly.

Raccoons like to clean their food before they eat it. Unlike some humans...



Possums cannot carry rabies

Possums are North America's only native marsupial, however. If you ever find a freshly dead one, check the pouch. There may be some orphans who could be saved.

Depending on local laws, it can be legal to eat roadkill. I don't really recommend eating something you didn't kill, however.

Someone I know thinks of squirrels as huge pests and calls them "rats with tails" despite rats with ady having tails of their own. Kinda funny...

POSSUM IN A PEANUT AIR FRESHENER



CHERRY SCENT

POSSUM IN A PEANUT AIR FRESHENER

ITTY BITTY TRASH



One man's trash is another mammal's treasure. If you don't want it, why can't they have it?



POSSUM FLAVOR

POSSUM FLAVORED CANDY CANES





# WEIRD



Hyenas have an organized matriarchy in which males are often below even the youngest females. The kicker is that females have pseudopenises that are larger than the male's penises. The disadvantage is it makes births very difficult for females.

Sara Bl

Let's face it. There's so many weird animals out there that the honorable mentions would demand an entire collection of encyclopedias. But hey, here's a select few!

Throughout history, many have tried to fake others out by sewing different parts of animals together to create believable looking monsters. Notable examples include the Fiji Mermaid and the Jackalope.

Hippos sweat a pink oily substance to keep cool in the hot sunlight.

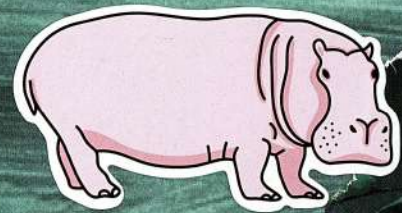
Who decided that rodents should fly? Flying squirrels did not ask for permission. Not to be confused for the sugar glider, which is a marsupial, not a rodent.

Funny enough, the platypus is such a naturally strange beast that the first scientists to observe a dead platypus specimen DID think it was a hoax sewn together. Can't blame 'em.

It is said that sailors mistook manatees for merfolk once upon a time. They needed to get their eyes checked.

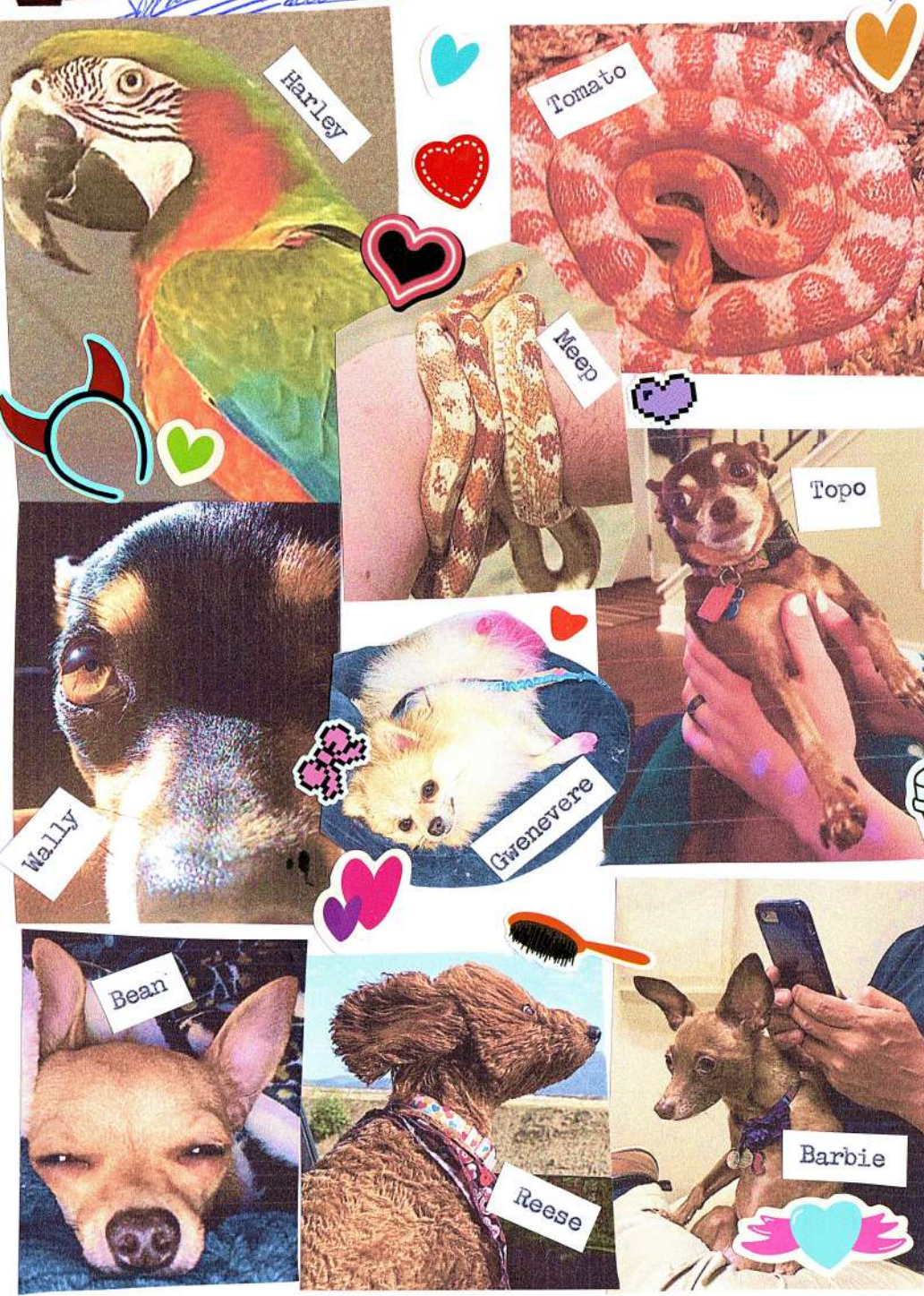
Take a closer look at that snout! The elephant shrew has a mighty wiggly sniffer for smelling things adeptly.

# ANIMAL





# OUR PETS ARE OUR FAMILY ...



It goes without saying how much pets mean to us. Even the dads who didn't want the pet end up doting on them the most... I currently don't have any critters of my own, so I present to you an assortment of my friends and loved ones' beasties.







# BIRDS

Flighted birds have inspired mankind to take to the skies. We feel a certain renewal when the birds of spring sing their songs into the air. They will always have their place in our lives as a force, perhaps even in a divine way. We aspire to do what they can and to have them around in our world.

Birds are often inspired by humans, too. Many of them can imitate humans and even man made device sounds and trick us.



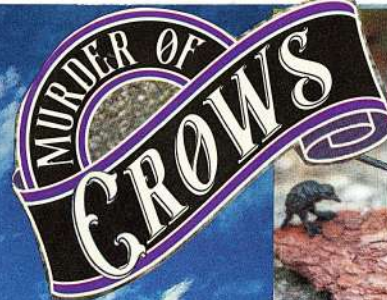
Once, a bald eagle attacked Donald J. Trump. Awesome.



Boiled penguin eggs have translucent whites... Would you still eat 'em?



Humming birds have the smallest eggs of any bird



ITTY BITTY CROWS



A group of crows is called a MURDER

Crows can recognize human faces. Be nice to crows or watch out!



You're a hoot

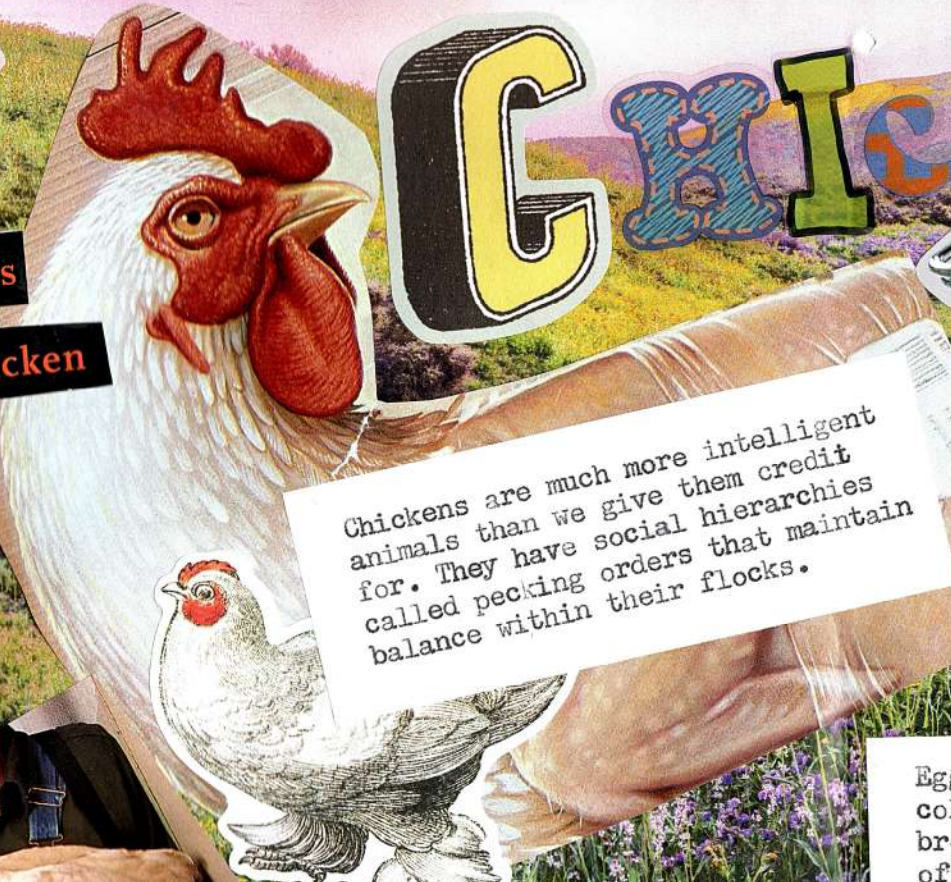






**Raw Facts**  
**About Chicken**

# CHICKENS



Chickens are much more intelligent animals than we give them credit for. They have social hierarchies called pecking orders that maintain balance within their flocks.

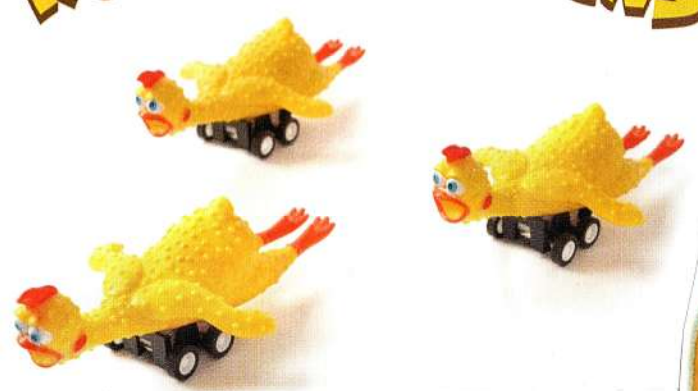


Despite common belief, some chickens can fly for little distances.

Egg yolks can come in all sorts of colors, such as yellow, orange, red, brown, green, or even come in pairs of yolks in the same egg. I like to think of double yolkers as a sign of good luck.



## RUBBER CHICKENS



You can eat chicken feet!!!  
 They are delicious :)




**SQUAWK!**

In the 40's, there once was a chicken named Mike who lived for 18 months after having his head chopped off. Though the axe didn't kill him, he later died due to choking.








A seahorse is not a horse, but it IS a fish. Jellyfish are neither jelly nor fish, but may be eaten by fish. Starfish are also not fish. Crawfish? Not fish. Lion fish? Not a lion, but IS in fact a fish. Confused yet? That's okay, it's pretty puzzling.




Finding Nemo (2003) was the highest grossing animated film of its year.



Sunfish can grow to nearly 10 feet long and are sometimes seen with huge bites taken out of them. They aren't very tasty and are usually left alone after a few chunks taken.

# FISH

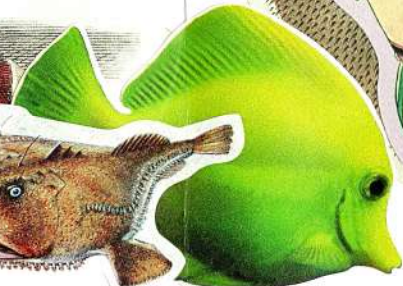


Saltwater fish do need to drink water and excrete excess salt, whereas fresh water fish readily absorb water due to their blood being saltier than their surroundings.

Seahorses are constantly eating in order to survive despite not having stomachs in their digestive system.



Fugu, or puffer fish are a delicacy in Japan. They must be expertly prepared due to the deadly toxins in the fish.





# ARCININATION

Take a look in the mirror. Do you look like a crab? Walk sideways, eat detritus off the ocean floor, or have independently moving eyestalks? If you answered yes to any of these, then you may have been **carcinized!**

The Crab Cycle

There is only one step

and it is crab

Carcinization is a type of convergent evolution in which crustaceans that are **NOT** crabs evolve to look like crabs. How is it that crabs are such an efficient shape that other animals mimick them?

It's said that side walking sea creatures are better at avoiding forward moving predators in the water.

Fun fact: Crabs are delicious with lemon and butter.

Fun fact: Crabs are also delicious in cajun spice.

What humans think they will look like in a few million years

What humans actually will look like

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I like how one of the most prestigious and respected marine institutions on the planet posted this with zero context.

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Crab shapes are also very good at hiding themselves in coral and rocks

Before you go plucking tasty crabs out from your local beach, check the laws in your area. You may need a license and to follow some rules that help conserve these animals.

THEY SAY ALL ANIMAL BECOME CRAB.  
WILL HUMAN ALSO BECOME CRAB?

ANCESTOR CRUSTACEAN

ANCESTOR MAMMAL



OMNIVORE DIET  
GRIPPY HANDS

LEGS CAN WALK  
IN ALL DIRECTION  
BUT NOT FAST

NO TAIL



CONCLUSION: HUMAN WILL NOT BECOME CRAB  
HUMAN ALREADY CRAB





# BUGS

Would you still love me if I was a worm?

This page might give some the heebie jeebies. Creepy crawlies are always getting a bad rap for being a little unsettling to look at. There is no denying their importance on our planet, however. Even without the role they play in our ecology, I think bugs deserve to live just as much as any other organism.

Cochineal bugs are used in food and cosmetics to dye things red.

A bug can get pretty big, but if our Earth had more oxygen than it does now, they could get even bigger.

It's a good thing millipedes don't need to wear shoes!

I eat cockroaches.

For us?

No, just hungry.

Can't you at least look a bit more pleasing?

I literally don't care.

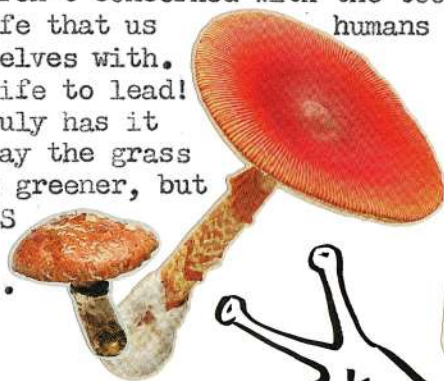
I just wanna live.

Not everyone can stomach 'em, but bugs can be valuable sources of protein.

Comic BY Cupcake Snake on House Centipedes



If you're a gardener, I have a hunch you won't share the same warm fuzzies for these mollusks as I do. But I find them to be quite cute. Their waving eye-stalks and their puppy dog mouths and languid natures make them soothing animals to observe. I have always said that if I could be any animal, I'd like to be a snail. They live life one step-er, slither at a time. A snail takes each day and each minute at a... Snail's pace. They aren't concerned with the too big things in life that us humans concern ourselves with. Oh, what a life to lead! The snail truly has it good. They say the grass isn't always greener, but perhaps it IS taller on a snail's side.



Slugs and snails move along on one big "foot."



Snails may have a calcified love dart that's meant to pierce its mate. People theorize the reasons. They say the dart may stimulate the partner, test the devotion, and other things. One thing's for sure is that it looks like it's gotta hurt! Talk about tough love...

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Snails are what we call simultaneous hermaphrodites, which means they have both male and female sex organs. Same with slugs. This means both mates will have an opportunity to lay eggs. Usually HUNDREDS of them at a time! When snails and slugs are invasive or over abundant, this efficiency can spell trouble.



Snail slime is sometimes used in beauty products as a moisturizing ingredient. This means it's not a vegan ingredient, but the process for harvesting snail slime isn't harmful to the snails.



Slugs

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It may look like a

banana, but the

banana

slug is a

bonafide slug through and through.

Snail Mail

VIA AIRMAIL

It may be called snail mail, but I assure you, it is not delivered by snails. Whether or not it contains snails, however, is up in the air. The chances of a snail being in your mail may be slim, but never zero.



A slug is a bug, but not all bugs are slugs.





# BE MAMMALS



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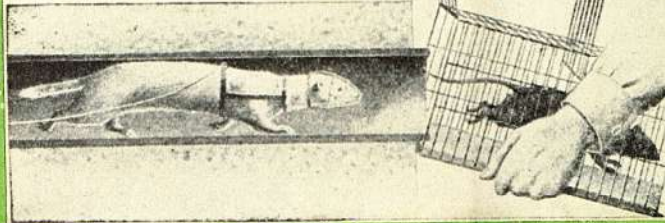
**\*\* Found! Cat snake? \*\* (Tempe )**



Found (assuming) pet. Some sort of cat snake? Long and nimble but with dryish fur and cat teeth. Seems to like cat food, but isn't a cat. Please come take this off my hands, it smells weird.

• do NOT contact me with unsolicited services or offers

CATCHING RAT AND FERRET IN DOUBLE CAGE, AFTER THE LACING TWINE HAS BEEN DRAGGED THROUGH THE DUCT.



Did you know if you hold an ermine up to your ear, you can hear what it's like to be attacked by an ermine?



To be a tube mammal, you must be built like a can of pringles. Typically, you can pick up a tube mammal in your hands no problem aside from the wiggles. A tube mammal must be playful and spry. Tube mammals are fast and love to be chased for fun. A tube mammal has zeal and zest for life. They are excellent at being whimsical and admired for their quirky dispositions. Maybe you'd like a tube mammal of your own, but beware! They tend to be feisty!

**flying at grassstop level they'll never catch me on radar**

