

Animal Fact Sheet: Fun Facts About Amazing Animals

Elephant

- The largest land animal on Earth.
- They can't jump—no, not even a little!
- Elephants use their ears like fans to cool themselves down.
- Their trunks have **about 40,000 muscles** — that's more than the entire human body!

Narwhal

- Known as the “unicorn of the sea.”
- Their long “horn” is actually a giant tooth!
- Male narwhals can grow tusks up to **10 feet long**.
- Scientists believe the tusk helps detect changes in water temperature and pressure.

Kangaroo

- Kangaroos can't walk backward.
- They use their tails as a **fifth leg** when walking slowly.
- A baby kangaroo (joey) is born the size of a jellybean.
- They can hop at speeds up to **40 mph**.

Owl

- Owls can rotate their heads up to **270 degrees**.
- Their feathers are designed for silent flight.

- They can see in low light but aren't truly “night-vision” creatures.
- A group of owls is called a **parliament**.

Giant Squid

- Rarely seen alive—most of what we know comes from ones washed ashore.
- They have eyes the size of a **soccer ball**.
- Their tentacles can grow over **30 feet long**.
- They battle with sperm whales deep in the ocean.

Sloth

- One of the slowest animals on Earth.
- They only poop once a week (!).
- Sloths can turn their heads almost like owls—up to **270 degrees**.
- Their fur grows algae that helps them blend into the forest.

Penguin

- Not all penguins live in the cold—some live near the equator.
- They “fly” underwater with flipper-like wings.
- Penguins take turns keeping eggs warm.
- They can drink salt water thanks to a special gland.

Dog

- Dogs can learn over **100 words and gestures**.
- Their noses are as unique as human fingerprints.
- Some dogs can smell medical conditions like diabetes and cancer.
- They dream during sleep—yes, the twitching is adorable dream time!