

Cool animal fun facts



Figure 1: Great white at Seal Island, South Africa. Photographer: Chris Brunskill Ltd/Corbis News via Getty Images

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Some great white shark facts (from NatGeo Kids):

- Great white sharks have ~ 300 teeth
- And swim way faster than you (25 mph)
- And are listed as vulnerable on the IUCN Red List

California condors

Some California condor facts (from Animal Fact Guide):

- By 1987, there were only 10 California condors living in the wild
- They are the largest flying bird in North America
- Critically endangered on the IUCN Red List (> 400 today)

American pika



Figure 2: Photo: Madison Roberts/Audubon Photography Awards



Figure 3: Photo: J. MacKenzie / Pikaworks

Some American pika facts (from OneKindPlanet.org):

- Pika are of order *Lagomorpha* (which also includes rabbits)
- Pika live in high altitude talus slopes
- American pika are already disappearing from the Sierra Nevada



Figure 4: Photo: Courtesy of VA Zoo

Ringtail cats

Ringtail cats fun facts:

- Can rotate their hind feet 180 degrees to climb better
- They are not endangered, just very elusive
- Closely related to raccoons

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