

Facts

A typical American dog owner spends more than \$14,000 on their pet by the end of its life.

Mr. Potato Head holds the honor of being the first toy featured in a television commercial.

That morning jolt of caffeine can be pricey in Moscow. The price of an average cup of coffee is \$10.19 US, the highest in the world.

Lyndon B. Johnson was the first commander in chief to wear contact lenses.

Over 10 million tiny nerve endings are found on the surface of a narwhal tusk, making it an essential tool for sensory perception.

The sport of badminton was once called "poona."

An airplane mechanic came up with the idea for the Slinky toy while working with engine springs.

There are 318,979,564,000 different ways to play the first four moves, per side, in a game of chess.

In Tennessee, it's all right to shoot whales from a moving car, but in Oklahoma, hunting whales is forbidden.

The bible's largest unit of measure is a "talent" = 75 lbs.

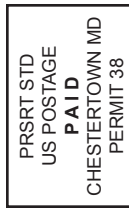
The phrase "mad as a hatter" referred to 19th century hat makers who were poisoned by the mercury they used to treat the felt in their hats.

Napoleon Bonaparte suffered from ailurophobia - fear of cats.

In biblical measurements, a "bath" was between six and eight gallons, the largest liquid measure used in the Old Testament.

Both poison oak and poison ivy are considered members of the cashew family.

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Dates in History

1790 In the first census, the population of the United States was enumerated to be 3,929,214 as of March 1, 1790. Congress assigned responsibility for the census to the marshals of United States judicial districts under an act which, with minor modifications and extensions, governed census taking through 1840. The next census will take place in 2020.

1830 Former President John Quincy Adams returned to Congress as a representative from Massachusetts on March 4th. He was the first ex-president ever to return to the House and served eight consecutive terms.

1894 On March 5th, the first track meet between Cambridge and Oxford was held. The roots of what is called the Transatlantic Series, the oldest ongoing international track and field meet in the world, predate even the modern Olympic games.

1937 On March 15, the nation's first blood bank opened at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, IL. Founded by Dr. Bernard Fantus, an inventive staff physician, the blood bank cost \$1,500 to open and helped facilitate 1,354 blood transfusions in its first year. The ability to store and transfuse blood has made modern surgery and resuscitation in critical care, trauma and obstetrics possible.

1987 WrestleMania III was held on March 29, at the Pontiac Silverdome in Pontiac, Michigan. A record 93,173 people, the largest recorded attendance of a live indoor event in North America at the time, watched as WWF World Heavyweight Champion Hulk Hogan successfully defended his title against André the Giant.

On the Lighter Side

Q. What is the difference between a bird and fly?
A. A bird can fly.....but a fly can't bird.

A three-year-old asked "Mommy, can I have an animal cracker?" "Sure," comes the reply. "Open up the box, and take a few." Forty five minutes later Mom walks into the kitchen. "Why'd you spill the animal crackers all over the floor?" The child responds saying "It said on the box not to eat it if the seal is broken. I spilled out the whole box, and I looked through all of the animals but I can't find any seals!"

Q. What grows down, when it grows up?
A. A goose.

A fellow walked into a bank in New York City asking for a loan for \$4000 dollars. "Well, before we lend you the money we are going to need some kind of security" the bank teller said. "No problem" the man responded, here are the keys to my car "you'll see it, it's a black Porsche parked in the back of the parking lot." A few weeks later the man returned to pay off his loan. While he was paying it back, along with the interest of \$11 dollars, the manager came over. "Sir, we are very happy to have you're business, but if you don't mind me asking, after you left we looked into you and found out that you are a millionaire, why would you need to borrow \$4000 dollars?" "Well, the fellow responded it's quite simple, where else can I park my car for three weeks in New York for \$11 dollars?"

Q. What has a bottom at its top?
A. A leg.

I lovingly gave my little niece a peck on her cheek upon seeing her at a family reunion. Afterwards, I noticed her wiping her cheek. "Are you wiping off my kiss?", I asked her. "No", she replied, "I'm just rubbing it in!"