

ANIMAL ALL-STARS

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About Animal All-Stars

Celebrate AMAZING animals, learn about their EXTRAORDINARY skills and discover incredible TRUE animal facts in the hilarious new book from bestselling children's author, presenter and commentator Clare Balding. Ideal for readers aged 7+

A HILARIOUS GUIDE TO THE ANIMAL KINGDOM WHERE FAVOURITE ANIMALS GO HEAD-TO-HEAD

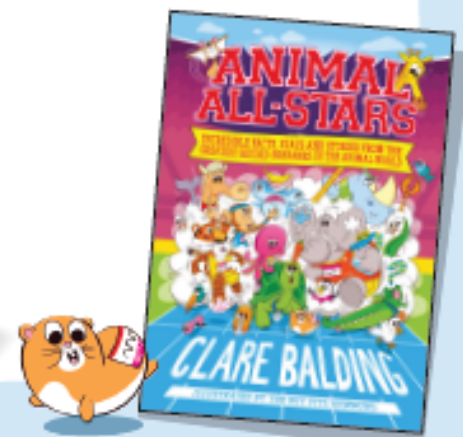
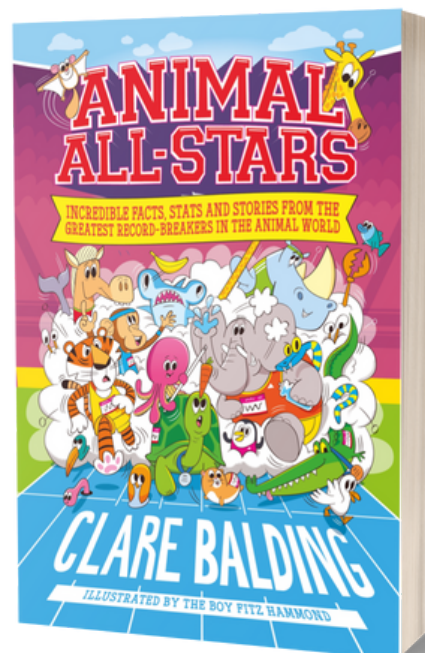
The athletes have arrived. The excitement is building. Grab your popcorn and get ready to witness the most entertaining sports day ever with commentator Clare Balding.

Who would win . . . the Australian tiger beetle or the peregrine falcon?

Who is the strongest . . . the extraordinary ant or the grumpy gorilla?

Who has the best superpower . . . the headless cockroach or the jet-powered squid?

From speed, agility and strength to hidden skills, such as problem-solving, endurance and super-sensory prowess, witness Clare Balding's Animal All-Stars compete to become champions in their field. Full of incredible true animal facts, stats and world records, this is a funny, rip-roaring guide to the world's most fascinating animals.





Run your own Animal All-Stars authorless event

This event pack contains everything you need to run an authorless event for Animal All-Stars this summer - from game ideas to activity sheets. If you do run an event we'd love to see pictures from it, and hear how it went. So please do tag us on Twitter/X using @HCGScoop.

Event Ideas:

Not sure how to organise your event? Here are some fun ideas for you to consider:

- Read a chapter from the book to set the scene. We would suggest reading the Opening Ceremony chapter and the first event, which are pages 6 - 13 and pages 30 - 33. To make it more engaging for the kids why not start with a vote on which animal will win the race?
- A fun craft activity would be to create your own medals using card, ribbon and foil. They could be for sporty things or just for being brilliant in the event
- Play one of the Animal All-Stars themed games outlined on the next page
- Encourage the children to draw their own sporty animal based on a reading from the book
- Hand out the activity sheets at the end of this pack for the kids to complete during the event or to take home
- Hide the animal cards around the shop and get the children to find the four sporty animals. Then sit down and discuss which animal they think would win in different sporting events
- Use the blank animal cards to get children to create their own sporty animal cards. They can then play each other with them to see who would win in a sporting event
- Call out the facts on the Fact from Fiction sheet and get children to guess which is true



Animal All-Stars Themed Games

Musical Statues

A fun twist on this classic game is to ask the children to move like different animals until the music stops - they could leap like a tiger, hop like a rabbit, slither like a snake or scuttle like a crab.

Memory Game

A variation on the 'Packed My Suitcase' game. Ask the children to stand in a circle. The supervisor then says "On day one of the Animal All-Stars games the animals prepared to compete in the big swim. There was Orlando the orca whale.". The supervisor then asks the child next to them to repeat the sentence, this time adding another animal. The next child in the circle must repeat the sentence again, including the previous animals, before adding another. Continue until the whole room has added an event to the games.

Chinese whispers

A variation on the 'Chinese Whispers' game. Sit all the children in a circle and pick one to start the All-Stars Whisper. They will whisper an animal and an event to the child next to them until it has gone all the way around the circle. When it has reached the last child they must say out loud what they heard.

Pictionary

Set up a white board or pad of paper and a hat full of different animals on slips of paper. Get the children to take turns drawing the animals and guessing together.

Charades

The classic acting game but make all the charades either animals or sports.

Sports

A fun starting activity to get rid of some of the children's excess energy. Start the event by running on the spot, doing star jumps and any other fun sporting warm up you can think of.



Animal All-Stars Wordsearch

How many words can you find?

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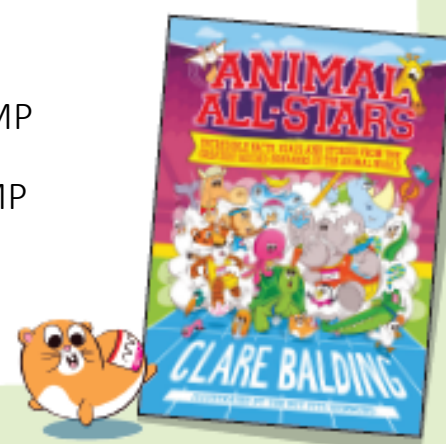
TIGER ELEPHANT WHALE

HIPPOPOTAMUS SNAKE HAMSTER

FLEA WORM SNAIL SWIM

RUN PROBLEM SOLVING LONG JUMP

WEIGHT LIFTING SPRINT HIGH JUMP





Dream Pets

What would your dream pet be? Can you draw it in the space below?
Now imagine your pet was starring in the Animal All-Stars games, what event would they excel at? Write a short passage about describing the event and how well they do.



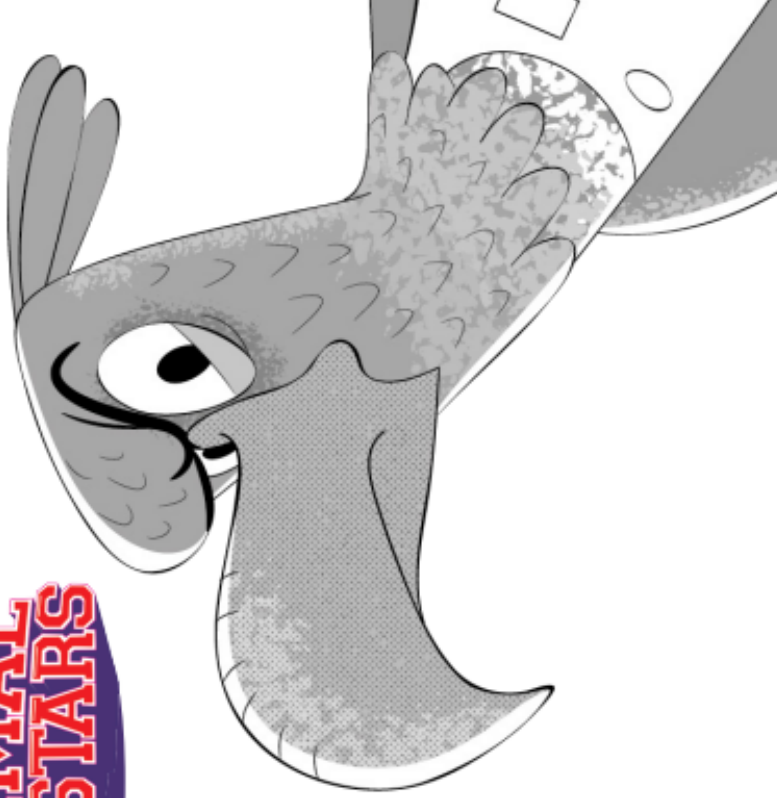
Fact from Fiction

Can you separate the true animal facts from the funny falsehoods? Mark a T for true and an F for false, then check the answers along the bottom to see if you guessed correctly.

1. Rhinos sniff each other's poo to interact with each other
2. Birds migrate so they can sunbathe on the beach
3. Dinosaurs and birds are related
4. The sphinx moth holds the world record for the slowest moth
5. A great white shark has around 300 teeth
6. Pigs can be found on every continent in the world
7. 51% of the Earth's surface is covered by ocean
8. There are about 70 species of fish that can fly
9. Greenland sharks can live to be between 250 and 500 years old
10. The oldest living giant tortoise is over 190 and his name is Jonathan

Answers:
1. True. Their poo tells them if another rhino is looking for more territory, or is ready to mate.
2. False. Birds migrate to take advantage of seasonal resources like food.
3. True. Birds evolved from a group of meat-eating dinosaurs called theropods.
4. False. The sphinx moth is the fastest moth out there.
5. True. Like a conveyor-belt, new teeth replace lost and broken ones.
6. False. Pigs aren't naturally found in Antarctica.
7. False. 71% of the Earth's surface is covered by ocean.
8. False. There are roughly 40 species of fish that can fly.
9. True. Whilst most live up to 250 years, it is believed some may live to 500.
10. True. Jonathan is the oldest known living land animal.

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ELIJAH

ANIMAL SPECIES: Harpy Eagle

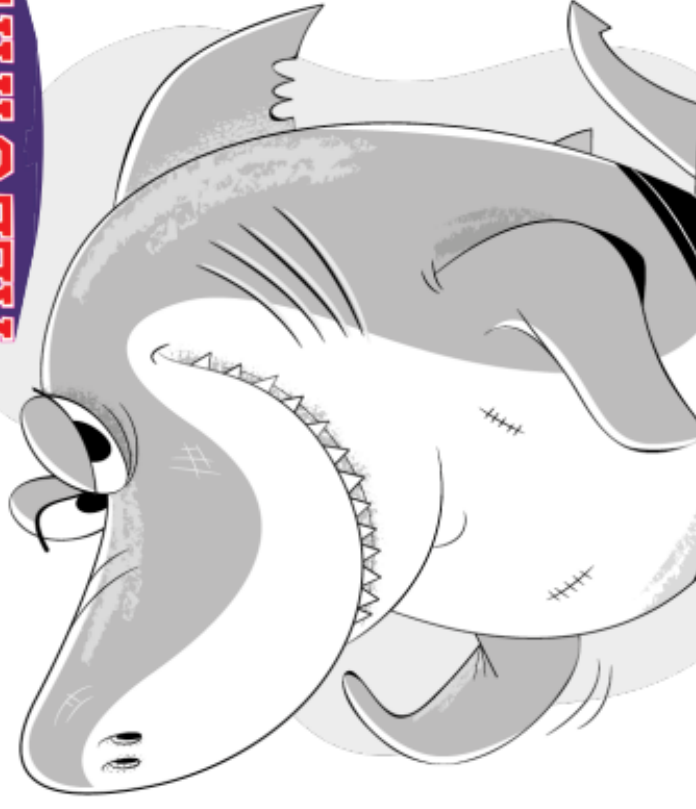
COMES FROM: Tropical Forest of South America

SUPER SKILL: Incredible strength

IMPRESSIVE FACT:
Terrifying talons that measure
between 7 and 10cm in length

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FERGAL

ANIMAL SPECIES: Great White Shark

COMES FROM: Coastal and offshore waters worldwide

SUPER SKILL: Super swimmer

IMPRESSIVE FACT:
Can sniff out a drop of blood in the
water from over a third of a mile away

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RUBY

ANIMAL SPECIES: Greater Wax Moth

COMES FROM: Across the globe

SUPER SKILL: Impressive listening

IMPRESSIVE FACT:
Can pick up sounds at frequencies as high as 300 kilohertz (humans can only manage about 20 kilohertz)

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MAUDE

ANIMAL SPECIES: Sloth

COMES FROM: Central and South America

SUPER SKILL: Speedy swimmer

IMPRESSIVE FACT:
She can hold her breath for 40 minutes

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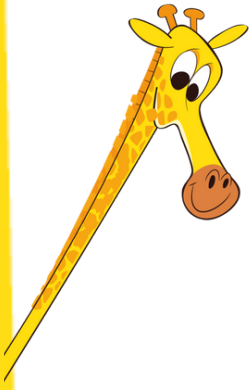
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Certificate of Achievement

This certificate is proudly awarded to

for winning the

in the **Animal All-Stars Games!**

