

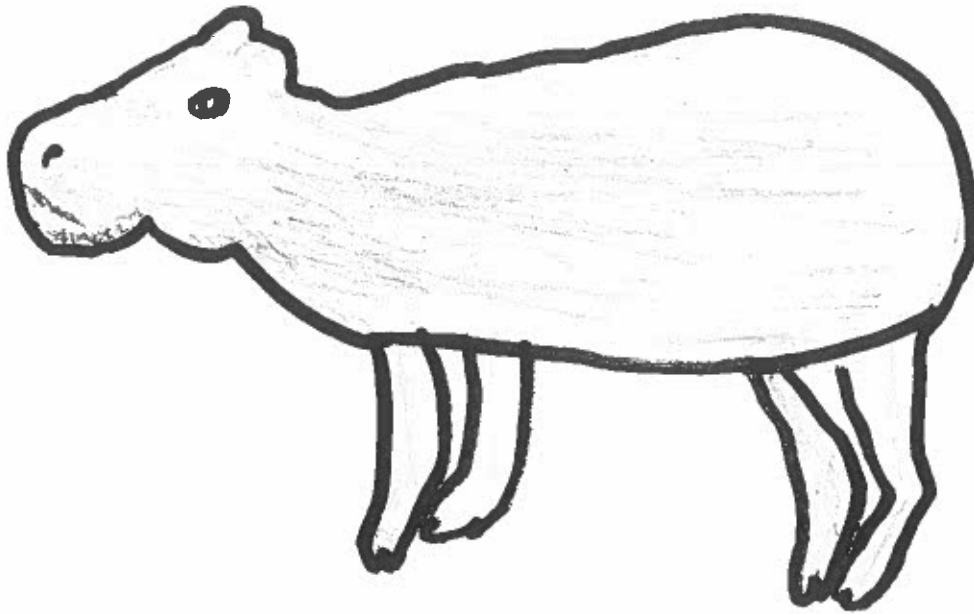
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Animals



The Capybara



The Capybara is the world's largest rodent. They have short, rough hair that can be yellow, red or brown. They have snouts, short legs, small ears and almost no tail.

There are 2 species. The capybara grows to about 1 meter. They live in Central America and South America.

Capybaras live in water and on land. They are good swimmers and can stay underwater for up to 5 minutes.

They like to eat grass and aquatic plants. Females give birth to 3-8 young each year.

By Jod Aleisi



Toucans



Toucans are birds that live in the rainforests in South America. Toucans are best known for their large, colorful bills, which can be four times the size of their head. They have short and compact black bodies and a rounded tail. They are 24 inches in length.

They eat fruits, berries, small birds, rodents and lizards. They drink water. They sleep in hollows in trees. Toucans can sleep for 12-14 hours. They use hollowed out tree cavities for nests.

They can live up to 20 years. Toucans make many noises. They can fly up to 40 mph.

By Oskar Tuleja



The Appaloosa Horse



Appaloosas are a famous American horse breed. They are best known for their colourful spotted coat pattern which can be brown, white or black. They have striped hooves.

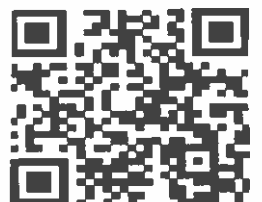
Appaloosas are mostly found in North America.

Appaloosas mostly eat fresh grass, quality hay grains and some fruits and vegetables.

They are usually 14.2-16 hands or 144-163 cm tall and weigh 450-500 kg.

Appaloosas are known for their friendly, gentle and intelligent nature.

By Vivienne Healion



The Giant Panda



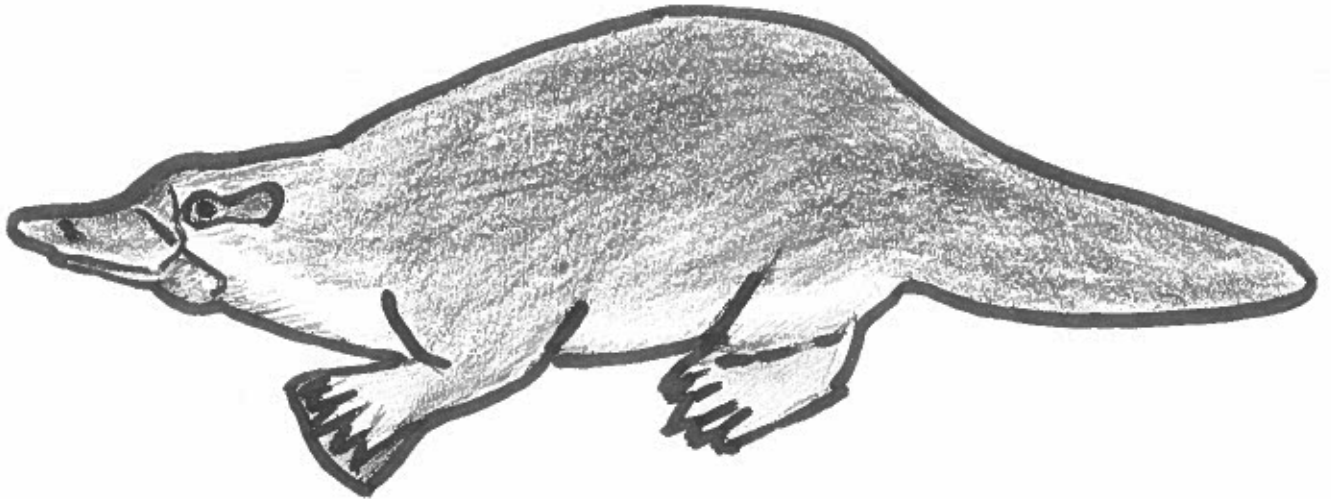
Giant pandas are black and white bears. They live in the forests and mountains in southwest China. Pandas eat leaves, stems and shoots of various species of bamboo. They eat for 12 hours everyday.

Baby pandas are called cubs and are born pink. They measure about 15cm. An adult panda measures about 60- 90cm on all four legs. Pandas can swim and even climb trees!

By Jod Aleisi



Platypus



Platypus are unique mammals that lay eggs. They live on land and in water. Platypus have streamlined bodies with a bill, broad flat tails and short limbs with webbed feet. They are about 50cm in length.

They live in east and south-eastern Australia and in Tasmania near freshwater rivers and lakes.

They are carnivores and eat a variety of insect larvae, shrimp, small fish and worms.

The male platypus produces venom. Platypus fur can glow under a blacklight.

By Amina Mutrescu

