

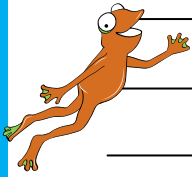


Clever Critters!

1. What is the name for people who study animals?

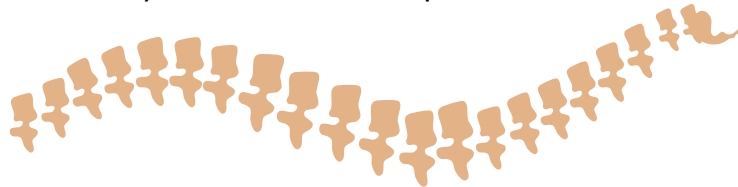
- dermatologist
- zoologist
- geologist

2. One reason that animals have amazing abilities is to help them survive. What two things do the tiny frogs discovered in Papua New Guinea do to avoid predators? (Look at the pictures for clues!)

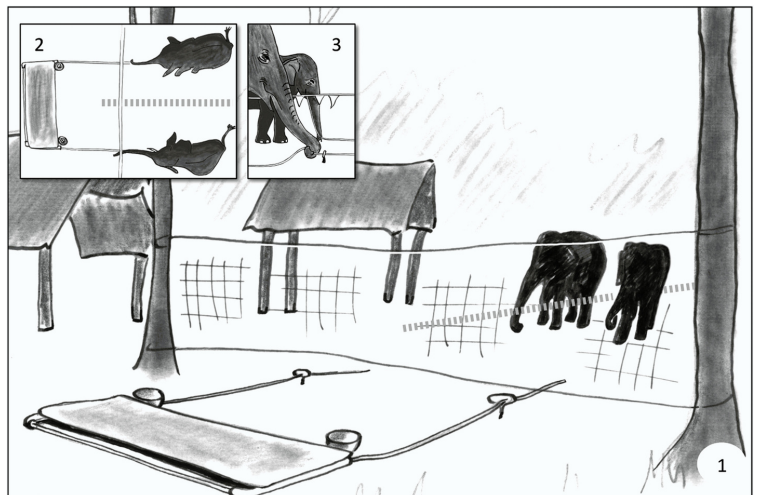


3. What is the scientific name for any animal that has a spine?

- spiny
- backboned
- vertebrate



4. Look at the diagram. How did this experiment show that elephants could cooperate?



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5. Snowball the cockatoo is the first non-human animal that can dance to a beat. He has 14 different dance moves! He lives in a bird shelter. The woman who ran the shelter uploaded a video of him dancing to the Backstreet Boys, and it got 200,000 views in one week!



Snowball in his Taco Bell ad

Since then, Snowball has been on TV shows and commercials, including an ad for bottled water and for Taco Bell.

How do you think the bird shelter feels about Snowball being famous? How could it help them?

6. In the Shortcut, we heard about two ways that humans use rats' extraordinary noses to save lives. Can you remember them?

- they sniff out banned items at airports
- they can detect the lung disease tuberculosis better (and faster) than a human scientist
- they guard farm animals
- they can sniff out unexploded land mines
- they work together to smell for food that humans want
- they dance for our entertainment

7. Do you think that the Venus fly trap can really count, the way that you count? Why/why not?

