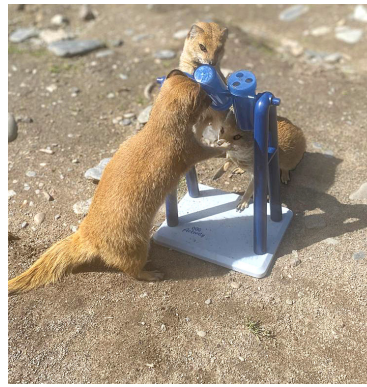


When our visitors heard that the animals might get bored without people to watch, they decided to send them some presents! The zoo keepers helped the animals make a wish list, and all sorts of exciting things have been arriving through the post! Below, you can see some pictures of the animals enjoying their treats.

New Toys for the Animals!



Pinata puzzle for the ruffed lemurs



Tricky toy for the mongooses

When we give toys, puzzles and other treats to our animals to keep them busy and interested, it's called "animal enrichment".

In the wild, animals don't really have time to do stuff just for fun because they are too busy watching out for danger, and trying to find enough food to stay alive. It can be a very tough life, but it's never boring.

The worry about animals in zoos and Wildlife Parks is that although they are well fed and pampered, they might sometimes get bored. That's why it's important to give them interesting enclosures, and plenty of stuff to do!

Riddle Time

There are stories that tell
I breathe fire and can fly
From way down under
In the desert I get by
I'm a b_____ d_____

Oh so slowly
I slide on the ground
My silvery trail
In the garden is found
I'm a s_____

I am oh so long
And oh so slim
But what I lack
Is a single limb
I'm a s_____

You'd think I could fly
But I'm too big by far
I'm a very good runner
As fast as a car
I'm an e_____

Whose dinner?

Which animals will enjoy one tasty fish each for dinner?

Clue - these animals are very agile and nimble swimmers.



Which animal?
Unscramble the letters to find out!

r o o t s i t e
s o o n m e g y
h e w i t t r o s k



Colour gives camouflage amongst trees that are often covered in red-brown lichen and mosses

Very thick fur for warmth is like wearing a duvet!

Broad head has strong chewing muscles and large molar teeth for chewing bamboo



Thick furry tail for snuggling up warmly

lower half of body dark coloured, to camouflage in the shadows

long claws for climbing and defence

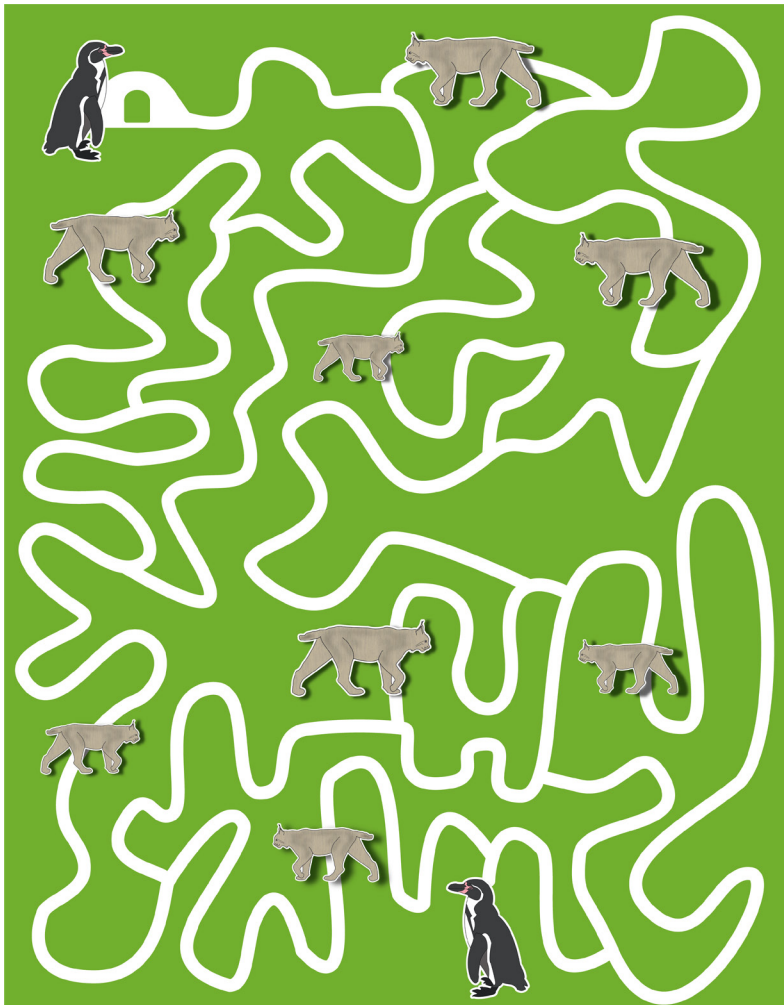
A small bone on each wrist is like an extra thumb to help with climbing



Nooo! Red pandas are an endangered species now. Their forests are being cut down, and they are hunted for their beautiful thick fur.

Penguin in Peril!

Oh no! Pindy the penguin is lost and needs to find his way home to his mate and his nest. But there are hungry lynx around. Can you help him find his way home without being eaten?



Animal of the Week

Red Panda

Like the more famous giant pandas, they love to eat bamboo. Bamboo is not a very easy food to eat - it takes a lot of chewing, and does not provide much energy. Red pandas save energy by sleeping a lot, and they have big molar teeth to chomp through tough stringy bamboo.

Habitat

They come from cold forests in the foothills of the Himalayan mountains

Food in the Wild

Mostly bamboo. Also other plants and fruit. Occasionally they eat birds' eggs or insects

Superpower

They can sleep for hours, curled in a ball, high up in a tree, in a freezing forest.

Cut out and keep me



Red Panda

Check out Curraghs Wildlife Park Education on YouTube - to meet snakes!!

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answers

Riddles: bearded dragon; snail; snake; emu
Anagrams: tortoise; mongoose; white stork
Whose dinner? The short-clawed otters