ANIMAL IDIOMS

Fill in each blank with a suitable name of an animal or an animal related word.

1. Any mention of animal abuse to Tony is like **a red rag to a** _____.
2. The politician **put the** _____**among pigeons** by revealing details of the national scandal.
3. Those two have **fought like** _____**and** _____since the day they got married.
4. You can ask me **until the** _____**come home** but I'll never agree to your proposal.
5. Even though Betty was sixty years old, she dressed like a teenager. She looked like _____**dressed as lamb**.
6. London to Birmingham is about 180 miles **as the** _____**flies**.
7. Something must have made John really angry; he's been like **a** _____**with a sore head** all day.
8. We don't need any more furniture - there's **no room to swing a** _____in here as it is!
9. I managed to **kill two** _____**with one stone** by inviting the boss to dinner; I made a good impression and got some useful information.
10. It is **raining** _____**and** _____; we'll have to cancel the fête.
11. The man broke a vase and knocked over two chairs; he was **like a** _____**in a china shop**.
12. Kate has been **as busy as a** _____getting everything ready for tonight's party.
13. He was so tired of **the** _____**race** that he gave up his job in the city and moved to an island
14. I accidentally **let the** _____**out of the bag** when mentioned that I'd seen Jim and Mandy together.
15. Some people think this country has been **going to the** _____since the 1990s.
16. The old man felt like **a** _____**out of water** at the party.
17. Seeing life as a case of _____**eat dog**, he treated people ruthlessly for his own benefit.
18. Ronald was so thick-skinned that all his boss's criticisms were **like water off a** _____**'s back.**
19. I'm not lending him any more books; they always come back _____**-eared**.
20. The hairdresser made such **a** _____**'s dinner** of my hair that I had to have it done again.
21. What you're talking about is **a different kettle of** _____; let's keep to the point
22. If I don't remember her birthday, I'll be **in the** _____**house**.
23. Our business rivals **cooked our** _____by making a higher bid for the company.
24. Steve was fed up with doing **the** _____**work** while his colleagues were given interesting jobs.
25. It would be fascinating to be **a** _____**on the wall** when the managers have their meeting to discuss the annual pay rise
26. Richard could **talk the hind legs off a** _____with stories of his school days.
27. My nephew was brought up near the sea and could **swim like a** _____from the age of four.
28. Being in the army was a real _____**'s life**; up at 6 a.m. every day, no money and occasional leave.

LIVEWORKSHEETS