

Nowadays the _____ is considered to be far more intelligent than some mammals. Everybody knows that these creatures have eight legs and shoot ink when they are in danger but there is much more than that. They also are experts in camouflage being able to change their appearance in less than a second. It's been recorded that once _____ changed its pattern 1,000 times in seven hours of feeding.

Like dolphins, chimpanzees and crows, _____ are able to use simple tools. Scientists state they've seen them carrying coconut shells and using them as mobile homes. It is also a fact that they manage to open childproof pill bottles and get out of or into small containers through the holes not much bigger than their eyes.

What is interesting, their nervous system is very complex. Actually, they have some kind of intelligence in each arm. It means that each arm can 'think' for itself. What's more, if _____ loses its leg, it can grow a new one. Some species of _____ may have legs slightly longer than 8 meters.

Unfortunately, for all of their amazing abilities their lives are very short, just a few years or even a few months.

_____ are also believed to be intelligent animals who display culture. If to compare the ratio size of brain to body, _____ take the second place, right after humans. Like octopuses, they are playful creatures. They play-fight with each other and even with other animals. Being social kinds, they live in groups and cooperate with each other to get food.

_____ are known for their kindness. They always help sick or injured members, even taking them to the surface to breathe. They are altruistic not just with other _____ but also with humans. There are many accounts of _____ helping humans.

There is one more fact that makes them unique. Each _____ has its special whistle, which is used as its name. With the help of their whistles, _____ are able to recognize each other.

These wonderful creatures sleep with only half of their brain. Another part is awake to remain alert, which protects them from predators and helps to breathe when _____ is asleep.

_____ are just as amazing as octopuses and dolphins. They have by far the strongest legs ever, which are able to kill a predator or a human with a forward kick. Besides, they are extremely fast, reaching speeds of 70 kilometers per hour.

These fancy birds have the largest eyes of any land animal allowing them to see predators at long distances.

There is a myth that _____ bury their heads in the sand when they are in danger. Actually, it is not true. The myth must have originated from the fact that _____ press their necks to the ground to be less visible. From a distance it gives the appearance that they bury their heads, since the colour of their skin is similar to the colour of the sandy soil.

Male and female _____ take turns in sitting on eggs, male birds are darker, so their turn is at night, female ones are paler, so their turn is during the day. An _____ egg can be as big as 24 chicken eggs.