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- A cow gives nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime.
- A rat can last longer without water than a camel can.
- All pet hamsters are descended from a single female wild golden hamster found with a litter of 12 young in Syria in 1930.
- An albatross can sleep while it flies. It apparently dozes while cruising at 25 mph.



- Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.
- Dragonflies are one of the fastest insects, flying 50 to 60 mph.
- Moles are able to tunnel through 300 feet of earth in a day.

- Prairie dogs are not dogs. A prairie dog is a kind of rodent.
- Sharks apparently are the only animals that never get sick. As far as is known, they are immune to every known disease including cancer.
- The blood of mammals is red, the blood of insects is yellow, and the blood of lobsters is blue.
- The bones of a pigeon weigh less than its feathers.
- The giant squid is the largest creature without a backbone. It weighs up to 2.5 tons and grows up to 55 feet long. Each eye is a foot or more in diameter.

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