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My favorite animal is the quokka. Quokkas are native to Australia. While most people mistake them for rodents, they are actually marsupials! The reason quokkas are not rodents is because they have a pouch on their bellies to hold their babies. Quokkas look as if they have just won the lottery because they have a smile plastered on their faces. Quokkas aren't actually smiling; it is just the way their face is. Quokkas are my favorite animal because they look like little fat bears with rat tails.
Braelynn McQueen, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Austin

An interesting fact about foxes is that they are fast when they run. Foxes can run between 30-45 miles per hour. A red fox runs 31 mph and a gray fox runs 42 mph. Swift foxes are the fastest fox and they run 48 mph. Foxes are fast runners!
Jayden Edwards, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Ms. Edwards

Do you love axolotls? I do! An interesting fact about axolotls is their ability to regenerate any body part. I love my axolotl, Casso. He is a fast swimmer and is very smart. I love axolotls because they are smart, kind, and fun to play with!
Kaleah Suthers, 5th grade, Ketron Elementary, Mrs. Amyx

My favorite animal is the hognose snake. They have a different face. Their mouth is pushed in. Their nose is pointed up.
Addilyn Cochrane, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer

My favorite animal is a vampire bat. I like vampire bats because they are sanguivorous, scary, calm, and kind of cute. Vampire bats are cool because they feast on the blood of other animals. They can feast on human blood. And vampire bat spit contains draculin. Did you know that vampire bats can live up to 9 years in the wild, but in captivity they can live up to 20 years? Vampire bats can't go more than 2 nights without blood.
Emilie Adkins, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett

My favorite animal is the monkey. I think they are the best animals because they are small and quick! Plus, they can climb almost anything. They can hang from everything and they can swing from place to place. I wish I had monkey-like abilities!
Joshua Greer, 7th, Elydale Middle, Mrs. Yeary

My favorite animal is the bald eagle. I like eagles because they are America's bird. A cool fact about the eagle is they can fly up to 50 mph.
Gavin Stafford, 5th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Davis

My favorite animal is the puppy. I like puppies that are tan. Puppies are small. One interesting fact about puppies is that they are different colors.
Olivia Mullins, 4th, JW Adams Combined, Mrs. Salyers

My favorite animal is the lion. Lions are the Kings of the Jungle! Lions are fast! Lions are sneaky. Lions love meat. Lions are smart. I love lions!
Canaan Farmer, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Mrs. Charlton

Do you have a favorite animal?



My favorite animal is the shark. One interesting fact about sharks is they never stop swimming or they will die. Another amazing fact is sharks have up to two layers of teeth so if they chip, break, or lose their teeth they will have more teeth to kill and eat their prey. These are the reasons why sharks are my favorite animals.
Bentleigh Shelburne, 5th, Pennington Middle, Ms. Vanover

My favorite animal is the koala and here are some facts about koalas. Koalas can't see very well so they use their senses to track their predators. Also, koalas are picky eaters so it's hard to find food on their own. Last, koalas sit or sleep for long hours. They normally sleep up to eighteen hours a day. Now you know some facts about my favorite animal. What's yours?
Preslee Ward, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers

My favorite animal is the tiger because they can run fast and they can jump high. They are so cool. When a tiger gets its prey, they run so fast. They run over 20 miles per hour. They jump over 10 feet. That is so cool.
Joshua Dimas, 3rd, Mount Carmel Elementary, Mrs. Allen

My favorite animal is a chameleon because it can blend in with stuff around it and when it gets hungry it can reach its food with its tongue and that is why I like that animal.
Levi Brewer, 6th, Pennington Middle, Ms. Lambert

My favorite animal is the shoebill stork, also known as the whale-headed stork. This stork is a Tyrannosaurus specimen. It's also known as B. rex (Balaeniceps rex). This animal is not the smartest, it spends most of its day daydreaming. This bird doesn't like to fly; it's often mistaken for a flightless bird. This bird is located in central Africa which includes South Sudan, parts of eastern Congo, Rwanda, and Uganda. The adults are mainly grey and juveniles are brown. The shoebill stays around swamps from South Sudan to Zambia. We think the shoebill might have been around to know the Ancient Egyptians.
Bryson Wilson, 7th, Union Middle, Ms. Honeycutt

An interesting fact about a baby giraffe is that they can run 10 hours after birth. The baby giraffe can run as fast as their mom and dad. They run fast so lions don't eat them. Sometimes, baby giraffes just run for fun. I think it's fascinating that newborn giraffes can move so quickly!
Kambri Branham, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Ms. Edwards

Do you have a favorite animal? I do, it is frogs. Frogs have roamed the earth for more than 200 million years. In the winter frogs freeze their bodies in the water. Many frogs can leap more than 20 times their body length. Frogs are interesting and that is why they are my favorite animal.
Xander Rhine, 5th grade, Ketron Elementary, Mrs. Amyx

My favorite animal is my coon dog, Joe. He is a Plot Hound. It is one of the oldest breeds of coon hounds.
Olivia Austin, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer

My favorite animal is the black panther. I like black panthers because they are very mysterious and beautiful! A fun fact about them is there are "Panthers" in baseball, football, basketball, and ice hockey! That name is probably popular because they are quick, strong, and stealthy animals. That's a fun fact about my favorite animal. What is a fun fact about yours?
Ryleigh Faulkner, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett

My favorite animal is the Sphynx cat. Sphynx cats are not like other cats. They have no hair but are oddly soft. Because Sphynx cats are hairless, you have to put sunscreen on them when they go outside on a sunny day and in the winter, you have to get them a sweater because they will get cold with no fur. Most people think I'm weird as a dancing monkey because I find an interest in hairless cats. I wonder if someone will realize that Sphynx cats are actually really cool.
Madison Barnes, 7th, Elydale Middle, Mrs. Yeary

My favorite animal is my dog. My dog is playful. My dog is black and brown. Her name is Hazel. She is big, not small. She loves daisies. She loves the color pink. She loves the number 7 because I'm 7.
Clara Hagood, 2nd, Mount Carmel Elementary, Mrs. Short

My favorite animal is a highland cow. I like highland cows because they are fluffy. I like to call them "fluffy cows". Some fun facts about highland cows include that they can run up to 40 mph. They are also the oldest living breed of cows. One more fun fact about highland cows is that they are very happy and loving animals. They almost never get upset or angry. That's why highland cows are my favorite animals.
Olivia Chadwell, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Taylor

As soon as I found my little black cat at the park, I knew she was going to be my favorite cat. She follows me everywhere and she sleeps with me. She likes for me to give her treats and to pet her. One interesting fact about my cat is that she likes to listen to music.
Kaydrian Lefevers, 6th, Elydale Middle, Mrs. Smith

Oh, hello. Today I will teach you about capybaras. Did you know capybaras are actually rodents? I say they're a little big because they are around 39 to 51 inches long. I mean these guys eat oranges and melons, but they still run up to 25 miles per hour! Well, I hope you learned something new.
Gavin Tidwell, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers

My favorite animal is the fennec fox. These foxes have extraordinary hearing. They are very smart and they can resist a lot of heat. They can also see in the dark. These are the reasons why they are my favorite animal.
Alex Eldridge, 7th, Union Middle, Ms. Honeycutt

I do have a favorite animal. It is a sloth! I love sloths! This is a fun fact—sloths are slow but they swim fast in the water. It is kind of weird. Sloths live in a rainforest. Sloths are so cute! Sometimes they get into mischief. I have a stuffed animal of a sloth, but I have seen a real sloth at the zoo. Sloths are adorable! I named one sloth Cutie. Sloths are the best.
Molly Jenkins, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Mrs. Charlton

My favorite animal is the cat because cats are fluffy, cute, and their faces make me want to squeeze them. They get on my bed. They are just cute!
Victor Leal, 4th, Mount Carmel Elementary, Mrs. Jones

My favorite animal is the flamingo. I find it interesting that they get their pink color from the foods that they eat, like shrimp. I also find it interesting that what looks like their knee is their ankle.
Abigail Marshall, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brooks