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In September we celebrate Heritage Day. Finding out about other people’s cultures is very rewarding. I learnt a lot from a reader who comes from Russia.

“My name is Arina. I’m from Russia, but now my family live in Africa, in Angola. I’m writing to thank you so much for your magazine. We like reading National Geographic KIDS as all of us are interested in rare animals, exotic plants, beautiful shells and crystals.”

I wrote back to ask her about the Russian alphabet. This is what she said: “Everybody knows that Russian language is very difficult both for speaking and especially for writing. That’s why we start learning how to write and read letters very early. At first we start with our mothers and then at school with teachers. The Russian alphabet has 33 letters (10 vowels and 23 consonants) and 42 sounds. According to the rules some vowels cannot be sounds.”

She also said her teachers are very strict!

Make an effort this month to find out about different religions, customs or what people from another culture eat or wear. The important thing to remember all year is to have respect for people who do things differently to you.

We’d love to find out more about YOU and your culture. Please send me photos and information and we’ll share it with NG KIDS readers.

Dare to Explore!

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September’s subscribers of the month are James Cowan (5) from Durban, Starrion Fenn (10) from Johannesburg and Soetendal Primary in Wellington. They’ve each won an ACT II Microwave Popcorn hamper which includes eight boxes (two of each flavour) of ACT II 3-packs worth R250.

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Dear Fiona and team

This is a photo of my brother Dylan and I with all our magazines. We have 91 issues and are only missing a few. Dylan is 8 and I am 11 years old. We attend Monument Primary School in Krugersdorp, Gauteng. We love NG KIDS and have been collecting issues since 2006. I know it’s kind of late but happy birthday! My favourite issue was the November 2008 Dino Mite and Monsters of the Karoo. I think it’s awesome! We live in a wonderful-filled world. When I was in Grade 8 you published a picture of my birdfeeder, so thanks for being awesome!

Deept Esterhuizen, 11, Krugersdorp

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WRITE TO US!

Send us your letters, birthday dates, pictures and comments. We want to hear from you, so start writing!

• Write to us at: The Editor, NG KIDS, PO Box 740, Cape Town 8000.
• Send us an e-mail to fiona@ngkids.co.za or SMS us a letter to “NGK Letters” 33970.

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

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FIND ME!

The Table Mountain ghost frog is in trouble! To create awareness, we hid ten of them in the magazine. Here’s one, but can you spot all ten?
Hero Mum
A mother lion braves a cliff to save her stranded cub.

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Take a trip around the world with these amazing facts.

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Braai for Heritage

On 24 September South Africans celebrate Heritage Day by honouring the many cultures that make up our rainbow nation. Nowadays people also know the date as Braai Day – a day for friends and families of all cultures to celebrate South Africa’s diversity by having a braai. NG KIDS caught up with Jan Braai, the brain behind Braai Day, to find out more.

NG KIDS: Why do you love a braai so much?
Jan Braai: Being outside next to a fire while playing in a garden or park is much nicer than being in a kitchen.

NGK: How many years has Braai Day been going?
JB: Braaiing is the oldest form of cooking food known to mankind. It’s thousands of years old. Braai Day has been going for seven years, since 2005.

NGK: Why did you choose braaiing as a symbol to honour our heritage?
JB: It is our common heritage. It’s the one thing that all South Africans love to do. No matter what school you go to, what language you speak or what sport you play, everybody braais. It is fantastic to have one thing that can truly unite all South Africans.

NGK: If you could choose three special people to braai with, who would they be?
JB: Desmond Tutu, Charlize Theron and Charlene Wittstock. They are influential South Africans who can help me spread the National Braai Day message.

NGK: What’s your favourite thing to braai?
JB: Good quality boerekos.

NGK: You have a TV show now. What will it be about?
JB: We travel to all the most beautiful places in South Africa and braai local food with local people. Jan Braai vir Erfenis is on kykNET (Channel 111) on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

NGK: Do you have any cool recycling tips when it comes to having a braai?
JB: Use wood from alien vegetation like rooikrans or wattie. If you are using any cans or bottles, be sure to dispose of them in a recycling bin.
SNAPMALLERS CAUGHT!

West Coast National Park officials from SANParks recently caught two foreign smugglers who were trapping indigenous snakes and geckos in the Cape. They craftily hid the snakes in their car and were caught red-handed at the exit of the West Coast National Park.

Their loot included thirteen geckos and eleven snakes, like horned adders, which are venomous with a serious bite and the gentle rhombic skaapstekers, which have a very beautiful pattern all the way down their body. Rhombic skaapstekers are in grassland and fynbos in the Western and Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga. Horned adders live mostly in the dry areas of the Northern Cape and Namibia. These snakes are native to Southern Africa and are legally protected worldwide.

The smugglers had planned to hide them in their luggage and fly them out of the country where they would trade them on the illegal international market for rare species. The Cape Nature Crime Unit confiscated all the animals and the smugglers were sentenced to five years in jail or a fine of R100 000 each. Serves them right!

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The new Solo Nova watch for girls is the must-have accessory for the queen of the playground. The Shaped Blue watch for boys is a trendy, sporty watch fit to face any challenge and keep up with the most daring adventurer.

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RECYCLE AND WIN

September is Clean-Up month in South Africa. Plastics SA (an organisation that represents the entire plastics industry) wants to teach people the importance of cleaning up and recycling. Every year they host a hugely popular competition for schools. This year there are lots of exciting prizes up for grabs, including a fun-filled weekend with a prize-giving in Cape Town for learners and their teachers in October.

You will find entry forms, terms and conditions and information about recycling at www.plasticsinfo.co.za.

* SEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON PAGE 49.
Santa Barbara, California, America
Lucky the Humboldt penguin isn’t trying to make a fashion statement with his snazzy-looking boot. The bird’s fancy footwear helps him walk. When Lucky was one month old, his keepers at the Santa Barbara Zoo noticed his leg wasn’t growing properly. He walked with a limp and developed painful sores on his foot. So the penguin’s caretakers asked a shoe company to make him a boot that would cushion his foot and prevent him from getting sores.

“Lucky’s health immediately improved once he started wearing the shoe,” says Rachel Ritchason, the zoo’s assistant curator of birds. The shoe wraps around his foot and ankle with Velcro and it’s waterproof so Lucky can wear it while swimming. “Now Lucky acts just like the other penguins,” Rachel says. And he has some serious style to boot. — John Micklos, Jr.
DEER GUARDS GOOSE

Buffalo, New York, America
Craig Cygan was baffled. For a week he’d noticed a male whitetail deer hovering by an urn at the historic cemetery he patrols. Whenever he came near, the deer blocked his path. Finally, Craig saw what the deer was guarding: a Canada goose and her eggs!

Normally Canada goose parents protect their nests together. But this bird was missing her mate and her eggs were in danger of being eaten by predators. “The deer came and helped out,” Craig says.

Over the next month the buck kept the eggs safe. When raccoons crept toward the nest looking for a snack, the deer drove them away. When a flock of crows swooped in to snatch the eggs, the buck jumped up and stomped his hooves, scattering the birds.

After the goslings had hatched, the deer left. Experts don’t know why the buck turned bodyguard. “Animals sometimes do things we can’t explain,” says Kevin J. McGowan, an animal behaviourist at Cornell University. But everyone can agree that this buck was a real deer. — Aline Alexander Newman

SHARK SWIPES CAMERA

The Bahamas
Who knew a fish would want to give photography a shot? A group of underwater photographers was snapping pictures of tiger sharks. One of the sharks drew closer, grabbed a camera which costs $10,000 from a diver with its teeth and glided off.

“I couldn’t believe what had happened,” says photographer Karin Brusaard, another diver on the trip. The not-so-sneaky shark thief soon dropped his loot and the film equipment was recovered.

So what caused the shark to pull off this heist? “It may have seen the camera as an unfamiliar object and wanted to examine it,” says Marie Levin of Princeton University’s Shark Research Institute. Wonder where this guy was planning to getting his film developed? — John Micklos, Jr.
**POST GOES SWIMMING**
*WHAT* Underwater postbox  
*WHERE* Susami Bay, Japan  
*DETAILS* Collecting letters from this postbox requires more than a postbag—you need a wet suit and an oxygen tank. Located about 10 metres beneath the sea, the underwater post drop can hold about 200 waterproof postcards sent by divers. We hope sharks never come looking for a food delivery.

**SHEEP TURN ORANGE**
*WHAT* Dyed sheep  
*WHERE* Devon, England  
*DETAILS* Baa-a-d news for sheep snackers: After 200 of his ewes were stolen, a farmer decided to turn the rest of his flock orange using a nontoxic dye. Thanks to these noticeable fleeces, sheep thieves will think twice before trying to pull the wool over anyone’s eyes.

**BLUE GIANT LANDS**
*WHAT* Inflated Smurf  
*WHERE* Cancún, Mexico  
*DETAILS* This dude is a real airhead. The huge inflated Smurf—which was as tall as a telephone pole—appeared at a summer movie festival. The big guy was tied to trees so he wouldn’t blow away. Good thing the Smurf couldn’t move: a game of tag with this colossal creature would be much too easy.
ALL About MONEY!

BY KRISTIN BAIRD RATTINI

THE $20 NOTE IS COUNTERFEITED MORE OFTEN THAN ANY OTHER AMERICAN PAPER MONEY.

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COOL INVENTIONS

FLOATING HOLIDAY

From a ship-like hotel to a research station for studying ocean animals, the Utopia can be many things—but it’s mostly just cool. This large floating world rests on four legs that extend and float about 15 metres below the surface. These legs minimise how much of the vessel touches the water, reducing movement caused by waves.

When it’s not a home for marine biologists, it can accommodate tourists. Take a helicopter, boat, or mini-submarine, then lounge in luxurious guest suites, pools and restaurants. There’s even a cinema.

But the best part is the top deck, where a 360-degree observatory high above the water’s surface will make you feel as if you’re on top of the world. You’re floating in the air—not the ocean.

SUNSHINE IN A JAR

Surprise your friends around the braai with this cool lamp in a jar. As the sun sets the glass is filled with a warm glow of light. Two South African designers, Ockert van Heerden and John Bexley, came up with this environmentally friendly idea of fitting a solar panel to an ordinary glass jar. The solar panel powers a LED light that keeps going for about six hours. Way to “glow”!

BALL-SHAPED COMPUTER

Have a ball watching movies, surfing the internet and video-chatting with friends. The E-Ball concept packs an entire computer—from mouse to brains—inside a 15-centimetre sphere. Different parts pop out of the ball. Instead of a screen, the E-Ball contains a tiny projector that comes out of the top and displays the image on a wall or piece of paper. For typing, lasers project an image of a keyboard onto a table, using sensors to translate finger taps into letters. When you’re done, fold up the E-Ball, stick it into your backpack and roll it out at your next destination.
RUN FOR THE PLANET TO STAY HEALTHY. HERE’S HOW:

What  To break the record for the most number of people running or walking 100 metres in a 24 hour period.

How  Pledge to participate on kids.nationalgeographic.com/run-for-the-planet/ . Download your record-breaker’s pack, including official rules and “fill-in-the-blank” verification statements for Guinness World Records’ documentation. You can do it alone or organise an event with friends and family. But remember to fill in the documentation, so you’ll be counted! For more information and to let us know about your event, contact Lisel Daniels at lisel.daniels@media24.com or call her on 021 443 5039.

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
Snakes are masters of disguise, skilled hunters and champion eaters. More than 2,500 species of snakes slither around the world. Check out these surprising facts about snakes.

By Chana Stiefel

Snakes Change Their Skin.
Snakes outgrow their skin. Every few months most start rubbing against the ground or tree branches. Starting at the mouth, a snake slithers out of its too-tight skin. Like a sock, the skin comes off inside out and the snake has a fresh, shiny look. Nice makeover.

Snake Venom Can Kill.
By sinking two hollow, pointy fangs into their prey, many snakes inject venom to paralyse or kill victims before devouring them. Africa’s black mamba is thought to be one of the world’s deadliest snakes. Up to four metres long and as skinny as a pool cue, the black mamba strikes fast. Two drops of its venom can kill a human. It’s a snake to be respected—from a distance.
CONSTRUCTORS GIVE WICKED HUGS.

Boas, anacondas, pythons and other snakes called constrictors are amazing squeezers. This kind of snake wraps its muscular body around a victim and squeezes until the animal suffocates. The twisted talent comes from muscles attached to 200 or more vertebrae in a snake’s backbone. Humans are born with only 33 vertebrae.

SNAKES “SEE” HEAT.

Some snakes — such as pythons, rattlesnakes and copperheads — can’t see well and use other senses to find prey. These creatures have openings called pit holes in front of their eyes. The pits sense the heat given off by warm-blooded prey. Their heat vision allows the vipers to track prey day or night.

SNAKES SMELL WITH THEIR TONGUES.

Smell that mouse? A snake uses its tongue to help it smell. It flicks its long, forked tongue to pick up chemical molecules from the air, ground or water. The tongue carries the smelly molecules back to two small openings called the Jacobson’s organ in the roof of the snake’s mouth. Cells in the Jacobson’s organ analyse the scent. Mmm, lunch!
Some snakes can disappear.

Snakes are great hunters, but often they're the prey. Birds, raccoons, foxes and other animals have a taste for snakes. One way to hide: camouflage. Many snakes sport colours and patterns that allow them to blend in with their surroundings. A green tree python looks like a vine when it coils itself around a branch. A yellow eyelash viper blends in with flowers and a rainbow boa disappears on gnarled tree stumps. Poof, gone.

Venom Can Be Good For You!

Scientists have discovered the same poison that causes awful symptoms — and even death — in people who have been bitten by a venomous snake can be turned into medicines. Here are a few examples.

**Copperhead**

**Symptoms if bitten:** swelling, difficulty breathing, low blood pressure, bleeding  
**Used to treat:** breast cancer

**Western Rattlesnake**

**Symptoms if bitten:** muscle spasms, swelling, low blood pressure, vomiting, difficulty breathing, bleeding  
**Used to treat:** heart attacks

**Gaboon Viper**

**Symptoms if bitten:** cardiac arrest, fever, internal haemorrhaging, blistering, swelling  
**Used to treat:** strokes
**SNAKES LIVED WITH DINOSAURS.**
Snakes slithered on to the scene more than 100 million years ago, when dinosaurs still roamed Earth. More primitive snakes, such as boas and pythons, have traces of hind leg bones in their skeleton. This is evidence that the snakes evolved from lizard-like animals with legs. Over time, snakes lost their limbs. Their advantage? With its body on the ground, a snake can sense the vibrations that tell it when food—or danger—is nearby.

**SNAKES CAN'T HEAR.**
Snakes don't have external ears to hear sound waves in the air. Instead, bones in their lower jaw pick up vibrations in the ground or water. The vibrations trigger signals in the snakes' brains, which are received as messages. “Juicy mouse coming closer!”

**SNAKES DON'T CHEW.**
Ever feel so hungry you could swallow a meal in one gulp? A snake can! Its lower jawbone is hinged very loosely in the back, so the snake can open superwide. The snake’s teeth curve backward and are designed to grab prey and move it down its throat. Loosely attached ribs and elastic skin expand as the food moves down. Boas and other huge snakes can even eat goats and deer. After a big meal, snakes can go weeks without food.

**BRAZILIAN PIT VIPER**
**SYMPTOMS IF BITTEN:** tissue death, bleeding, kidney failure
**USED TO TREAT:** high blood pressure

**INDIAN COBRA**
**SYMPTOMS IF BITTEN:** swelling, bruising, paralysis, blistering, respiratory failure
**USED TO TREAT:** arthritis

**KING COBRA**
**SYMPTOMS IF BITTEN:** drowsiness, difficulty breathing, limb paralysis, convulsions, headache, loss of consciousness
**USED TO TREAT:** neurological conditions

**AFRICAN SAW-SCALED VIPER**
**SYMPTOMS IF BITTEN:** blistering, haemorrhaging, tissue death
**USED TO TREAT:** heart attacks
TINY CHIPMUNKS LOSE THEIR MOTHER BUT GET A SECOND CHANCE

BY KITSON JAZYNKA

After waiting days for their mother to return, four Townsend’s chipmunk babies claw their way out of a shallow burrow. Weak from hunger, they emerge from under a flower bed next to a house and squawk for their mother. They don’t know she’s been trapped and relocated, never to return.

It’s late May. The homeowner hears the cries. Realising she has separated a family, the woman is horrified and delivers the starvings, two-week-old chipmunks to PAWS, a wildlife rehabilitation centre in nearby Lynnwood in Washington, America.

A staff member at PAWS pulls the limp babies from the cardboard box and places them on a heating pad for an examination.

The babies weigh less than 20 grams. “They were in bad shape—far too young to survive without their mother’s milk and body heat,” says PAWS naturalist Kevin Mack.

PAWS staff rush to stabilise the delicate, dehydrated patients with fluids. But the time away from their mother has been too hard. Only two babies survive.

TOUGH STRUGGLE

The remaining two chipmunks eat their first meal, a special fluid fed through a small syringe with a rubber tip. Feeding such tiny creatures is tricky. Too much food too fast could mean death for the chipmunks. They are fed six small meals a day—a milk substitute similar to their mother’s milk.

They eat well, but the lack of food and water has put their bodies under so much stress that they develop other problems. The day after their arrival the male develops an eye infection. Three days later the female starts walking in circles and tilting her head because of a painful ear infection. But antibiotics cure their health problems within a few weeks.

By the time they’re about six weeks old (the age a wild chipmunk would normally leave its mother), the babies complete the switch from milk to solid food. They’ve moved into a larger indoor enclosure with branches to climb.

READY FOR THE WILD

By mid-July the confident, agile chipmunks race around their enclosure, holding their tails straight up for balance. They have full coats of striped nutbrown fur. Now PAWS staff move them into a very large outdoor area where the chipmunks can continue to prepare for a return to the wild.

They eat so many seeds, fresh leaf buds, berries and native hazelnuts that their weight triples. Now each chipmunk weighs about as much as a stack of ten 50 cent coins.

FINDING A NEW HOME

PAWS staff work hard to keep the chipmunks wary of people so they will remain wild. While the baby chipmunks were their patients, staff did not talk to, pet or cuddle them. Kevin thinks they are ready for release. In late July he chooses a large park less than a kilometre from where the babies were found. It has a stream and plenty of food sources, such as wild roses, hazelnut trees and Douglas firs. He loads the young chipmunks into an animal carrier and they travel to their new home.

At the park a PAWS volunteer sets the carrier on the ground and opens the door. “The volunteer didn’t even get a good look at the chipmunks when they were released,” Kevin says. “They were just little streaks running into the bushes. We were thrilled that these two chipmunks pulled through and made it back to the wild.”

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the New York City Public Library in America are named Patience and Fortitude.

Rhesus Macaques
In New Delhi, India, often snatch eyeglasses and purses from pedestrians.

Some police officers in Cairo, Egypt, patrol the pyramids and other tourist spots on camelback.

Surrounded by Italy, VATICAN CITY is both a city and THE WORLD’S SMALLEST COUNTRY. It’s about the same size as a golf course.

The bus station in La Paz, Bolivia, was designed by Gustav Eiffel, the architect who built the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty.

30 COOL THINGS ABOUT

Wellington, New Zealand, is the largest capital city to greet each new day and year first.

In Canberra, Australia, thousands of Eastern Grey Kangaroos often invade the city to drink water and munch grass.

A mall in the desert city of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, makes snow for an indoor ski resort.

Every night in Austin, America, more than 1.5 MILLION BATS fly out from under a bridge to eat insects.

In Reykjavik, Iceland, heat for homes and businesses comes entirely from geothermal energy created by underground volcanic sources.

Flights at the airport in Manila in the Philippines, have been cancelled on New Year’s Eve because of smoke from the MILLIONS OF FIREWORKS and firecrackers people fire off.

Bath, England, really did get its name from baths—heated pools built by the Romans some 2,000 years ago.

Moscow, the capital of Russia, is home to the Moscow Cat Theatre, which features DOZENS OF TRICK-PERFORMING HOUSE CATS.

Movie tickets cost about 8205 in Tokyo, Japan, one of the world’s most expensive cities.
CITIES

15 People have lived in Beirut, Lebanon, for nearly 5000 years—longer than in any other current capital city.

16 In Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, nearly half of all workers cycle to work.

17 San Francisco’s City Hall in California, America, stands on 330 shock absorbers the size of washing machines to protect it against earthquakes.

18 More than half of the 3.2 million people in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, are kids or teens.

19 Panama City, Panama, is the only capital with a tropical rain forest in the city limits.

20 A cannon called the Noon Gun is fired every day at, uh, noon in Cape Town, South Africa.

21 There are 32 kilometres of streets, shops, restaurants and hotels underneath Montreal, Canada.

22 Mexico City, Mexico, has more than 150 museums.

23 A dragon statue breathes fire near Wawel Royal Castle in Krakow, Poland, where a mythical dragon used to live.


25 Istanbul, Turkey, is the only major city on two continents: Asia and Europe.

26 A city shepherd uses 30 sheep to “mow” the parks of Curitiba, Brazil.

27 The Tuk-Tuk, a three-wheeled, motorised rickshaw, is a common form of public transportation in Bangkok, Thailand.

28 In Beijing, China, officials sometimes fire rockets filled with chemicals to create clouds and rain.

29 Lima, Peru, gets about 12 millimetres of rain a year.

30 The average summer day temperature in Kuwait City, Kuwait, is 46 degrees Celsius.
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TITLE: "KOP AF OP DIE STRAND"

WAYS TO ENTER:

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2. Sugar gliders can soar the length of a rugby field.

3. A wombat’s pouch opens at the bottom.

4. A red kangaroo can leap 3 metres in the air.

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I AM CHILDPROOF
LOOK OUT, BALLOONS!

What did balloons do to him? Bouncing on a pogo stick, Mark Aldridge of England popped a record number of 57 balloons in one minute. “The secret is confidence, concentration and keeping calm,” says Mark, who is a professional pogo stick rider. “And I remind myself that it’s just fun!”

DUH! DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME!

TINY GUITAR

Too bad no one can hear the world’s smallest guitar! Made from a gelled material called silicon, this microscopic guitar is about one-twentieth the width of a single strand of hair. A laser beam ‘strums’ the strings, which are too small to make a sound that can be heard by humans. Unless, of course, you’re a tiny, tiny, tiny person.

1,2-METRE-LONG CAT

Make some room for this feline. Measuring 1.2 metres from his nose to the tip of his tail, Stewie holds the record as the longest house cat. He’s as long as a seven-year-old boy is tall. Stewie can leap over fences and slide mail off the kitchen counter with his hind legs still planted on the floor. Maybe he dreams about very long mice.

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Eland can reach a maximum speed of 40 kilometres per hour.
While calmly munching at an acacia bush, an eland bull hears a rustle behind him. With a skill that would make an Olympic high jumper jealous, he leaps more than two metres over a fence to safety. What makes this even more impressive is that the eland is the heaviest antelope in Africa. Grown males can weigh almost 1,000 kilograms, the weight of fifty nine-year-olds. They don’t have to run towards an obstacle like a high jumper, either. Eland can leap from a standstill by rocking back on their haunches and catapulting themselves over an obstacle.

**OH, DEER!**
The English and Afrikaans name for eland comes from the Dutch word for elk or moose. They were named by Dutch settlers when they arrived in the Western Cape. They saw the large, stately antelope which looked a bit like the elk in their European forests. The difference is that elk and moose are deer and are solitary animals. Eland are from the cattle family and like to live in herds.

**BLUE BULL AND FAMILY**
The older bulls, called blue bulls, are the easiest to spot. As they grow older, they turn from a tan colour to a slate grey and get a distinctive tuft of longer, curly hair on their forehead.

Both males and females have horns and even calves are born with horn buds. They are double twisted spiral horns that slope backwards in line with the face. The horns are black, but seem silvery white in sunlight. Males use their horns to butt heads with rivals, while females use their horns to protect their young from predators.

Mums give birth to only one calf and the baby already weighs 25 to 35 kilograms when it is born. Quite heavy for a baby! It can run within a few hours after birth and about 24 hours later the mother takes her calf to a nursery herd. The calves get to know one another and soon they stay in the nursery group, while the mother returns to the female group.

The eland’s main predators are lion, spotted hyena, cheetah, leopard, wild dog and humans.

**VEGGIE GARDEN**
Eland like to graze on grass in summer and forage for twigs and leaves in winter. They also eat fruit, berries and seeds and most importantly succulents, plants with thick fleshy leaves, as these give them extra

**CURIOUS CLICKS**
For such big animals, eland can move around the veld without making much noise—unless they want to. A dominant male can bellow to advertise his status. A cow clicks and grunts to call her calf, which answers by bleating. Their alarm call is a distinct bark.

They also make a sound that does not come from their mouth! When eland walk or trot you might hear a curious clicking sound that scientists are still puzzled about. Richard Estes, who wrote the book *The Behaviour Guide to African Mammals*. 

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moisture. They often use their horns to break off branches and their hooves to dig for bulbs and tubers.

WATERWISE
Professor Duncan Mitchell at Wits University and his research team have studied eland in Namibia. “We wanted to find out how eland cope in the heat without water,” he explains.

They put radio collars on eland and tracked them in their natural habitat. The answer seems to be that they absorb enough moisture from what they eat. This means eland would be one of the antelope species most likely to survive in Southern Africa in times of drought.

PRETTY AS A PICTURE
Eland have a special place in Southern African history. The San people, the original inhabitants of Southern Africa, made more rock paintings of eland than of any other animal. The San have even been called “People of the Eland.” Old stories tell us an eland was a sacred animal to them. It was connected to a spiritual being called “[Kaggen],” who loved and protected the animal.

Artists who painted the eland on the rocks over thousands of years were perhaps making sure they said sorry to [Kaggen] if their clan had killed eland for food. By painting them they were symbolically bringing them to life again.

They used mostly yellow, orange and red for the eland’s body and this was often mixed with eland blood and fat.

In the Drakensberg there are over 800 paintings of eland. “Some of the best places are near Cathedral Rock,” says local guide Joel Mbhele. “If you camp there you might also hear eland munching and crunching in the early morning. They love eating the trees and juicy aloe!”

DID YOU KNOW?
Clicks are a big feature of San languages. Try the “[” in [Kaggen]. Press your tongue against your front teeth and pull it back to make a “tsk-tsk” sound.

Eland are easily domesticated and there are several captive herds in South Africa, Zimbabwe and the Ukraine. • Eland live for 15 to 20 years in the wild.
There are also secret places in the Cederberg where you can see eland painted in rock shelters. Duncan’s favourite eland rock art is in Botswana at Tsodilo, a World Heritage Site, where some paintings are thought to be more than 20,000 years old. Ivan Vaalbooi, a San Guide from!Khwa tlio, a private reserve and San cultural centre in the Western Cape, says to him the eland is a wonderful animal. “My elders in the Kalahari told me stories about eland and talked about the respect they have for this animal.”

WHERE TO SEE ELAND
You’ll find eland all over Southern Africa on private game farms and in national game reserves. There are large herds in the Kruger National Park and in at least nine other South African parks. You’ll also find some in Etosha National Park in Namibia, the Kalahari in Botswana and small herds in Mozambique.

HERD THE NEWS
The good news is the eland population is classified as “Least Concern” by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). “They are an important part of the SANParks ecosystem but don’t need a special conservation effort,” says Carly Cowell, a SANParks ecologist.

“Eland eat both grasses and shrubs. This is good for the plants as it gives the ecosystem time to recover. It’s also good for eland as they can survive on different vegetation types and during droughts when there is little grass to eat but still leaves on trees.”

The hoofprints of the large herds are beneficial to the soil, because they create grooves which allow rainwater and seeds to sink into the soil.

“Eland mothers are very skittish and protective when they have their calves nearby.”

It’s good to know these wonderful animals, that are such an important part of our heritage, are well looked after. Blue Bulls forever!
A MOTHER LION BRAVES A CLIFF TO SAVE HER STRANDED CUB.

CLINGING TO A CLIFF wall at Kenya’s Masai Mara National Reserve, a lion cub yowls for help. Somehow he got stuck on the slope. At the foot of the cliff lies a riverbank where hungry animals lurk. If the lion tumbles to the bottom, he might become prey for a crocodile. Luckily the cub’s mum arrives. Can she get to him in time?

1 CUB CLINGS TO CLIFF

The lioness begins to creep down the slope. But it’s too steep, and she’s forced to reverse. The cub’s sharp cries fill the air and every time he tries to move, he slides further down the sandy wall. After returning to her perch at the top of the cliff, the mother peers down at her cub. “Both seemed terrified, but neither knew what to do,” says Jean-François Lagrot, a wildlife photographer who caught the ordeal on his camera.

Lions can tell the difference between the roars of their pride and the roars of strangers.

2 THE PRIDE TRIES TO HELP

Four other members of the pride arrive at the cliff’s edge and try to descend the wall toward the whimpering cub. But the climb is too difficult and one by one they give up. By now the youngster is so tired, he can barely move. He may not have the strength to grip the wall much longer. Knowing she needs to act fast, the mother lion starts down the cliff again.
3 MUM TO THE RESCUE

The lioness digs her strong paws into the nearly vertical slope. Slowly and carefully she edges closer to the cub. Just as the little lion looks as if he might fall, his mum circles under him and scoops him up in her mouth. Carrying the young lion by the scruff of his neck, she claws back up the cliff.

Lion mothers with cubs about the same age form groups called crèches to care for their young.

4 MISSION COMPLETE

Once out of danger, the mother sets down her little one and comforts him by licking his head. "She was letting him know that everything was fine," says lion expert Craig Packer of the University of Minnesota in America. As frightening as the ordeal may have been for mother and cub, such rescues are quite common. "Mother lions often fetch their cubs when they get stranded in unsafe places," Craig says. Sounds like lion mums and heroes are a lot alike!
OVER-THE-TOP WAYS
PEOPLE PAMPER THEIR PETS

BY BRIDGET A. ENGLISH

Celebs and royalty aren’t the only ones lapping up luxury. With decorated doghouses, private jets and cat crowns, the lifestyles of some pets are totally drool-worthy. “Pets are an important part of the family,” says Bob Vetere, associate president of the American Pet Products Association. “Some owners like to shower their animals with nice things.” NG KIDS got the scoop on some perks for posh pets.

KITTY GLITTER

Like many pampered pets, Coco the cat has the latest fashion accessories. When this kitty wants to show off her rock star style, she slips on a hot-pink wig. For a more elegant look, the feline fashionista wears a fake fur coat and tiara. Coco also has a sweet set of wheels – she cruises around in a stroller that costs Rs 600. At night the classy cat snuggles up on a supersoft cat bed warmed by a heating pad. This kitty is sitting pretty!

Loving your pet doesn’t have to cost an arm and a paw. Hugs, kisses, snacks and attention are all your furry friend needs to feel like royalty.

CANINE CASTLES

Coco Puff the Yorkshire terrier and Rio the Dobermann pinscher love to relax in their two-bedroom doghouse with a toy cupboard. Available in America from a company that specialises in custom-built luxury dog homes, these are for owners who want their pets to live in style. Fancy doggie digs can have wood floors, bay windows and balconies.

INSIDE

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JET-SET PETS

Beijit, the golden retriever has just the ticket for travelling in style. When she flies on private jets with her owners, they hire a pet flight attendant to care for her. “Our animal customers are extremely pampered,” says Carol Martin, owner of Sit ’n Stay Global. The company’s pet flight attendants serve freshly cooked meals on fine china and give thirsty critters chilled springwater in crystal bowls. The first-class service continues after the plane has landed. The attendants become pet nannies, caring for their animal clients while the owners go sightseeing. Bone voyage!

A German shepherd named Gunther TV is said to be the world’s richest dog. He inherited at least R533 million from his owner.

FRANK THE BULLDOG'S FAVOURITE HANGOUT ISN'T A DOG PARK — IT'S A COUNTRY CLUB! CLUB BEVERLY HILLS IS A FANCY RESORT THAT CATERS TO CANINES. “DOGS ARE SO EXCITED WHEN THEY ARRIVE HERE, THEY LEAP OUT OF THE CAR,” OWNER MARJORIE LEWIS SAYS. MEMBERS START THEIR VISITS BY RUNNING AROUND A SPECIALY MADE FITNESS COURSE AND PLAYING TUG-OF-WAR WITH FRIENDS ON THE CLUB'S MANICURED LAWN. TO RELAX, POSH PETS CAN SOAK IN A HOT TUB, GET MASSAGES AND FACIALS, OR DO YOGA WITH A HUMAN INSTRUCTOR.

TIGER THE TABBY'S OWNERS WANTED MORE THAN JUST PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEIR BELOVED FELINE, SO THEY ASKED AN ARTIST TO PAINT A PORTRAIT. “PET PAINTINGS ARE A TRIBUTE TO THE BOND PEOPLE HAVE WITH THEIR ANIMALS,” SAYS REBECCA COLLINS OF ART PAW PORTRAIT STUDIO. COLLINS AND HER TEAM CREATE PET PAINTINGS BASED ON SNAPSHOTs SENT IN BY OWNERS. THE PRICE IS R1,000 OR MORE. THEY'LL EVEN RECREATE FAMOUS WORKS OF ART SUCH AS LEONARDO DA VINCI'S “MONA LISA” AND ADD THE PET TO THE SCENE.

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A-maze-ing Paris

Stay on the white paths and help the lost travellers find their way out of a crazy imaginary world underground Paris, France.

ANSWER ON PAGE 49

START
THE HOLE THING
These photographs show close-up views of things with holes. Unscramble the letters to identify what’s in each picture. Bonus: Use the highlighted letters to solve the puzzle below.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 50

HINT: It’s great for a golfer, but not for a pair of pants.

ANSWER: ___ 0 ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
My friends and I have the ______ job ______ gardens for Mrs Johnson, the ______ lady who lives down the ______. One day, while ______ pulled out ______ and ______ the lawn, I watered the ______. Then I had a(n) ______ idea. Wouldn’t it be more fun to water my friends instead? But just as I turned the hose on my pals, Mrs Johnson ______ into the path of the water spray – and got ______. My friends and I froze. To our surprise she yelled, “______ fight!” She pulled a water ______ from her back pocket and squirted my ______. Then she aimed another ______-shaped ______ at ______ as ______ dived behind a(n) ______. Who knew gardening was a contact sport?
NG KIDS readers love a braai and sent us pictures of their families having a sizzling good time!

**Trots Suid-Afrikaanse Braai**
Megan Rabie, 10, De Wet

**Summer, Sunshine**
Johan van Wyk, 7, Somerset West

**Fouché Braaivleis**
Francois Fouché, 9, Hartswater

**The Braaivleis Feast**
Tharane van Tonder, 12, Kroonstad

"Ek en my Gesin om die Braaivleisvuur"
Kenneth Boonzeele, 10, Pretoria
"Ek en my Familie by die Braai"
Kristy-Leigh Du Plessis, 11, Durban

"Worsie en Vleisie Braai"
Stoan Rabie, 6, De Wet

"Die Rabie Braai"
Lize-Marie Rabie, 12, De Wet

"My Family Picnic Braai"
Savannah Unger, 11, Houtville

Braaing with my Family.
Marique Hibbert, 9, Pinelands

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14 SEPTEMBER is Recycling Day, so do your part to help keep South Africa and the Earth clean. Try making this easy robot out of a recycled food tin, scrap metal, tools, screws and nuts and bolts lying around Dad’s garage!

**How to:**

1. Wash the food tin until the label comes off.
2. Go on a scavenger hunt through Dad’s toolbox or garage to find old nuts and bolts he doesn’t use anymore.
3. Decide what you want your robot to look like.
4. Carefully paste the pieces to the tin with craft glue.
5. Ask your Mum if she has old pieces of steel wool to use as hair for your robot.
6. You can keep your stationary or a plant in your robot!

**Bright Idea!**

You can recycle jam jars and turn them into beautiful family photo frames! Wash the jars, ask your Mum to help you find some family photos and cut them to size. Carefully place them inside the jar. Turn the jar around!

**Fun Fact**

Local food cans are made of tinplate with a thick layer of tin at the top and bottom.

South Africa’s recovery rate of all cans, including cool drink cans, was over 70% in 2011. Let’s make it higher in 2012!
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**THE BAKER STREET BOYS: The Case of the Disappearing Detective**

By Anthony Read

London can be a dangerous place with robbers and pickpockets looking for their next victim. Luckily a gang of brave, young detectives are keeping the streets safe. The Baker Street Boys help the brilliant detective Sherlock Holmes solve mind-boggling puzzles. During the Diamond Jubilee in 1897 the boys help with a case involving a mysterious American. But Sherlock is kidnapped! The young detectives have to find the famous sleuth quickly...

**THE CASE OF THE KIDNAPPED MAN**

Use the evidence you have to solve this crime. There are five people. One kidnapped one of the others yesterday. Which one is the kidnapper?

**EVIDENCE:**

1. Thabo ran in the Two Oceans marathon all day yesterday with one of the innocent men.
2. Peter considered being a farmer before he moved to Cape Town.
3. Jeff is a computer consultant and wants to install Pierre's new computer next week.
4. The kidnapper broke his leg last month.
5. Pierre met Jack for the first time six months ago.
6. Jack has been in bed with measles since the crime.
7. Pierre and Jeff built their last computers together.
8. The kidnapper is Jack's brother. They grew up together in Cape Town.
9. Pierre sold his old computer to Thabo today.

**ANSWER:**

D. Pierre didn't grow up in Cape Town so Jeff

E. Thabo is not the kidnapper because he ran a

A. Jack is not the kidnapper because he is the brother
Find the HIDDEN ANIMALS

Animals often blend in with their environments for protection. Find each animal below in one of the pictures. Write the letter of the correct picture next to each animal’s name. **ANSWERS ON PAGE 50**

1. starfish
2. crab
3. arctic hare
4. owl
5. gazelle
6. chameleon
Just Joking

I JUST DON'T SEE THE FUN OF A HOLIDAY IN A LITTER BOX!

“MAYBE MY BATTERY IS GOING FLAT.”

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WINNERS FROM NG KIDS JUNE ISSUE

KNOCK, KNOCK.
Who’s there?
Leaf.
Leaf who?
Leaf me alone.

Q: What letter is found in a cup?
Answer: L.

Q: What did the clean dog say to the insect?
Answer: Long time no flea.

Q: Why did the chewing gum cross the road?
Answer: To get to the frog on the other side.

Answers

Tongue Twister
Kindly kittens knitting mittens keep kazooing in the king’s kitchen.
GUilty of “FORGETTING” YOUR HOMEWORK AT HOME?

Buy a bandana for R20 and I’ll forgive you. For you may just save my life.

The Sunflower Fund educates and recruits potential bone marrow stem cell donors to help save the lives of patients diagnosed with leukaemia and other life threatening blood disorders. Spread the message and share your comments on Facebook.com/TheSunflowerFund.

BUY A BANDANA FOR BANDANA DAY
The Sunflower Fund
share a little save a life

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