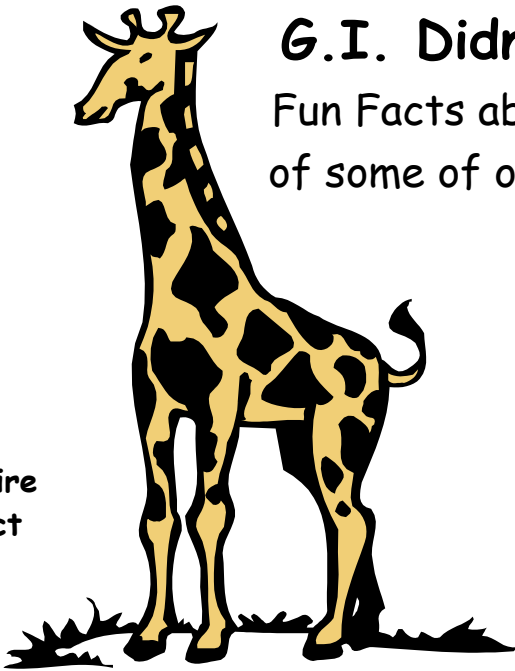


Did you know that a giraffe's esophagus is more than 7 feet long? A human's esophagus is less than one foot long. A giraffe's entire digestive tract is about 280 feet long. A human's intestines are about 30 feet long.



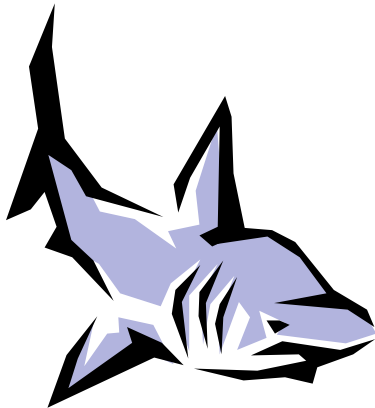
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Did you know that giraffes only sleep in 15-minute stretches due to the fact that their food comes back up into their mouths?



Did you know that a Panda's digestive system is so ineffective that they have to spend 12 hours every day eating? They eat about 90 pounds of Bamboo daily.



Did you know that a shark's liver can weigh up to 25% of its total body weight? A human's liver is only about 2% of our body weight. The liver is the only place a shark stores fat. It keeps the shark from sinking, making it weigh 95% less in the water than on dry land.

Did you know that the blue whale's stomach is so large it could hold an adult male African elephant in it?



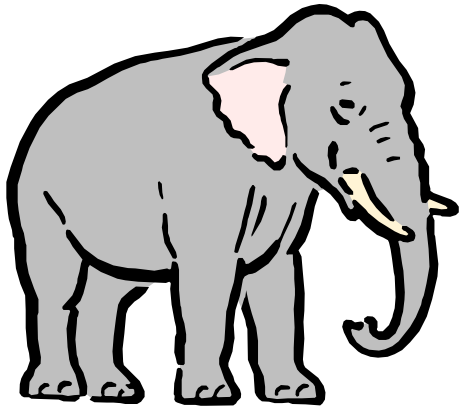
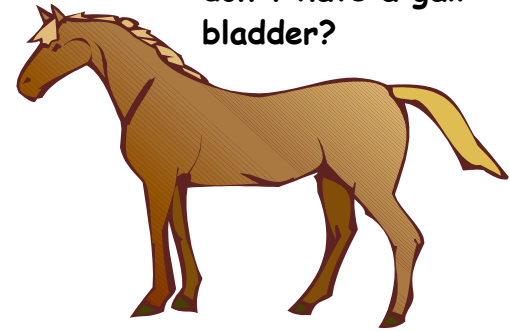


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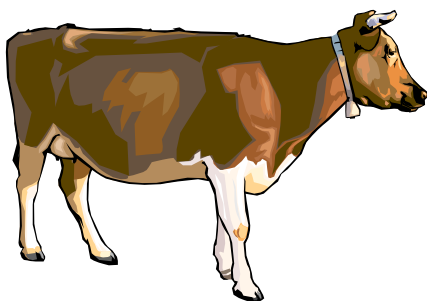
Did you know that birds have a short amount of intestines? Because birds are small with high-energy needs, they digest food quickly. This also helps them maintain a lighter weight to help them fly.

Did you know that horses and giraffes don't have a gall bladder?

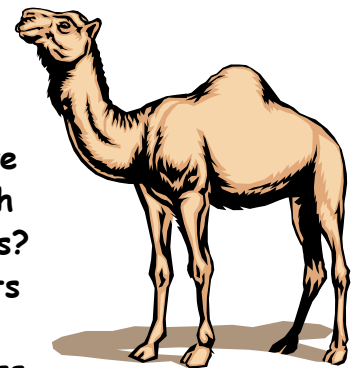


Did you know that a horse has a large colon, 100 feet long? An adult human's colon is about 5 feet long.

Did you know that a grown male elephant can eat up to 320 pounds of food a day? It also poops out about the weight of a large man each day.



Did you know that cows have 4 chambers in their stomach and camels have 3 chambers? They are known as ruminants and they chew their food more than once. Pretty gross, huh?



Other animal digestive facts:

- **Herbivores** are animals that eat plants. Because plants are harder to digest, these animals have larger and more complex intestinal tracts.
- **Carnivores** are animals that primarily eat other animals and they have the shorter and less complex digestive tracts.
- **Omnivores** are general eaters, like humans. Our intestinal tracts are average length.
- Only humans and apes have appendixes.