

"These are a few of my favourite things â€!"

Description

At work, Iâ€™m frequently bored. Not because there is nothing to do, but because it all requires me to do the same thing over and over and over again. And, anyone who knows me knows, I hate repetitive tasks that can repeat ad infinitum.

So, I was reading Claireâ€™s blog (which is VERY good, and I recommend everyone check it out) about [sea lampreys](#), and I got an idea. So, here are two lists from the Mind of Manly.

My Favourite Animals

These are not in any particular order, but they are all my favourites.

The Blue Shark



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Beautiful, Streamlined and Blue. I first saw this animal on an episode from Discovery Channelâ€™s Shark Week, and I was amazed. Everyone knows and is fascinated by the great white (yours truly included), but something about this shark spoke to me. And after a while, I figured out what it was. As a kid, I went to Nature Camp, and one day we were asked questions about sharks, and told that the winner would get a prize. Of course, surprise, surprise â€! I won. And what did I win? A fossilized shark tooth. The tooth of *Prionace glauca*, the Blue Shark.

Przewalskiâ€™s Horse



It is the last truly wild horse left on the planet, and is endangered in Mongolia. All the other â€œwildâ€ horses out there and just escaped captive horses. And plus, the horse has a mohawk â€! whatâ€™s cooler than that?

Green Tree Python



Itâ€™s a snake. Itâ€™s a python. Itâ€™s green. How could I NOT love this animal?

Grey Wolf



Self-explanatory.

Now, after four favourites â€¦ how about four of the weirdest/ugliest/most fascinating?

Davidâ€™s Weirid List

Greenland Shark



This is the top of the food chain under the Arctic ice, but not much is known about it. How long it lives, how it mates, what precisely it eats are still unknown. Some scientists believe that they can live for hundreds of years, even more than a sea turtle. As well, it moves slowly to conserve heat in the frigid water, and if you look closely on its eye, it has a nematode parasite attached to it. Thatâ€™s right, itâ€™s BLIND.

Ohhh yeah, and itâ€™s meat is poisonous.

The Pangolin



I love this guy. Itâ€™s one of the weirdest animals I have ever seen, and I love it. It walks on two legs, but all hunched over like it is carrying an immensely heavy backpack. And, when threatened, it will curl up like a porcupine, leaving nothing exposed but its scales. But, the STRANGEST thing about them? Recent genetic tests show that they are most closely related, not to armadillos or anteaters like you may think, but to mammalian carnivores (lions, tigers, dogs, cats, etcâ€¦)

And, finally, the one that ranks near the TOP of my list!.
The HAGFISH



Hagfish (or slime eels) are not really fish, nor are they eels. They have four hearts and two brains, and their bones are made of keratin, so they are VERY flexible. They also have barbels around their mouth, which are used as chemosensory organs. They also live at the bottom of the ocean and feed on carcasses. But, since they have no jaws, they contort their bodies into a knot, and move that knot up and down their bodies to create a shearing force. However, the best, and weirdest thing about them, is their slime.

When frightened, scared or about to feed, they secrete a slime protein. When it interacts with water, it turns into a sticky and slimy goop that is impossible to get off, yet insanely slippery. And they produce a LOT of this stuff.

Check out this video, and you'll see what I mean:

Now, there are TONS of other animals that I would like to show you, and I'll perhaps do more at a later date. But, here are the names of some more:

Star-nosed mole, the Aye-Aye, Aardvark, Echidna, Tapir, Sloth, Anteater, Hammerhead shark, the Oryx, Babirusa, Axolotyl, Black Mamba, and the list goes on and on!

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