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LEVEL UP

**ALL
NEW!**

CROC ATTACK

Banjo, a five-year-old Staffordshire bull terrier owned by Tom Cummins, survived an attack by a 10-foot-long (3-m) saltwater crocodile on Casuarina Beach in Darwin, Australia. Banjo had gone for a dip in shallow water when the croc snatched him, but the feisty little dog bit back and escaped!

SPIDER TERROR

Spiders can have arachnophobia, the fear of spiders! When faced with a much larger spider that poses a threat, jumping spiders will instinctively freeze and back away very slowly.

ZOMBIE SHARK

Despite missing half of its body after being savagely attacked by a group of bull sharks, a blacktip shark continued to hunt for 20 minutes off the coast of Mozambique. The zombie shark kept swimming even with a huge chunk bitten out of its side.

SCHOOL VISITOR

An owl flew into a classroom at Central Park Elementary School in Plantation, Florida—where the school mascot is also an owl! Appropriately, the bird landed on a book titled *Nature's Show-Offs*.

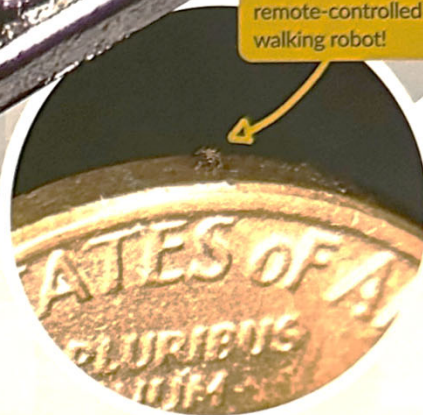
METAL MUNCHER

After being taken to Klaipeda University Hospital in Lithuania with severe abdominal pain, a man had more than 2.2 pounds (1 kg) of metal nails, screws, nuts, and knives removed from his stomach. Some of the objects he had swallowed were 4 inches (10 cm) long!

CRAB BOT

Engineers at Northwestern University created a side-shuffling robotic crab tiny enough to fit through the eye of a needle! At only 0.02 inches (0.5 mm) wide, it is the world's smallest remote-controlled walking robot. While bigger robots typically rely on electricity to help them get around, this crafty crustacean is powered by lasers! When heated by a laser, the bot's paper-thin body starts to flatten, but then quickly cools off and contracts back into a 3D shape. By repeatedly flattening and contracting, the robot achieves its crab walk!

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MEDICINAL BUGS

Some chimpanzees treat open wounds by catching a flying insect, squeezing it between their lips, and then rubbing its body into the cut with their fingers. They even apply the pain-relieving bugs to other chimps in their group.

CRAZY COINCIDENCE

By a one-in-eight-million chance, Kristin Lammert, from Oviedo, Florida, has three daughters, Sophia, Giuliana and Mia, who were all born on August 25—in 2015, 2018, and 2021 respectively.



HOOFIN' IT

To create automated email responses for vacationing office workers, three Icelandic horses were trained to trot across a gigantic keyboard! The OutHorse Your Email campaign was dreamt up by Iceland's tourism office as a way to remind travelers to unplug from work while on vacation. Anyone who signed up for the service received a message typed by the horse of their choosing to use as their automated out-of-office reply, such as "Qwsdcfrtgb fdfg jhlsajf vdpföð lkdsjahg bkstdö adæfbnaqerbvui< i98oimdvj <0!D." Horses have such a way with words, don't they?