**Animal World**

**God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind.**

**And God saw that it was good.**

***(Genesis 1:25)***

**Overheard: "My neighbor's dog is taking the advanced course at obedience school. He knows how to fetch, heel and beg -- now he's learning to fax." *(Jay Trachman, in One to One)***

**We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare, and love we can spare. In return, dogs give us their all. It’s the best deal man has ever made. *(Margery Facklam, author)***

**Elmo spent years training his dog to speak and tell jokes. Finally they got a spot on a nighttime talk show. But the dog just sat there, not saying a word. On the way home, Elmo said, "That was our big break and you went silent on me -- what happened?" Replied the dog, "I couldn't see the cue cards!" *(Jay Trachman, in One to One)***

**About animal bodies:**

**\* Cats -- have three eyelids**

**\* Musk deer -- have fangs**

**\* Flamingos -- have no knees**

**\* A type of shrimp -- has extra set of eyes (on the back)**

**\* Pelicans -- have no nostrils**

**\* Manatees -- have fingernails on flippers. (*World Features Syndicate)***

**Dogs look up to you; cats look down on you; pigs treat you as an equal. *(Winston Churchill)***

**Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you*. (Missy Dizick)***

**Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president of the United States, was often referred to as "Silent Cal," but he did speak up about politics and pets, saying, "Any man who does not like dogs and want them about does not deserve to be in the White House." *(Samantha Weaver, in Tidbits)***

**An old man was sitting with his dog at a movie. A woman sitting nearby noticed that the dog cried its eyes out at the sad parts and laughed its head off during the funny parts. When the film ended, the woman said to the man, "That's the most amazing thing I've ever seen. That dog really seemed to enjoy the film." "I'm surprised, too," the man said. "He hated the book." *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Leonardo da Vinci called the cat “nature’s masterpiece.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Animals and Eating:**

**\* Deer -- favorite snack is poison ivy**

**\* Squirrels -- select nuts by weight**

**\* Sloths -- take 100 hours to digest food**

**\* Anteaters -- do not destroy anthill when eating**

**\* Koalas -- eat dirt to help with digestion. *(World Features Syndicate)***

**Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms. *(George Eliot, in Mr. Gilfil’s Love Story)***

**Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people. *(W. C. Fields)***

**With a dog, you feed him, you give him plenty of affection, you take him for walks and he thinks, “Wow, this guy must be a god.” With a cat, however, you feed him, you love him, you care for him and he thinks, “Wow, I must be a god.” *(Brian K. Lebowitz, in Reader's Digest)***

**No one can feel as helpless as the owner of a sick goldfish. *(Kin Hubbard, humorist)***

**Of all animals, one of the hardest to domesticate is the human child. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Another thing the horse does that you and I don't is snore standing up. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A horse gallops with his lungs, perseveres with his heart, and wins with his character. *(Federico Tesio, breeder)***

**Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a purpose. *(Garrison Keillor)***

**Don’t accept your dog’s admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful. *(Ann Landers)***

**So many of Lassie’s fans want to ask: Is he allowed on the furniture? Of course he is – but then, he’s the one who paid for it. *(Julia Glass)***

**No animal should ever jump up on the dining room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation. *(Fran Lebowitz, humorist)***

**You cannot look at a sleeping cat and feel tense. *(Jane Pauley)***

**An Easterner walked into a Western saloon and was amazed to see a dog sitting at a table playing poker with three men. "Can that dog really read the cards?" he asked. "Yeah, but he ain't much of a player," replied one of the men. "Whenever he gets a good hand, he wags his tail." *(Reminisce Extra magazine)***

**"Dad," a polar bear cub asked his father, "am I 100-percent polar bear?" "Of course you are," answered the elder bear. "My parents are 100-percent polar bear, which makes me 100-percent polar bear. Your mother's parents are all polar bear, so she's 100-percent polar bear. Yep, that makes you 100-percent polar bear too. Why do you want to know?" Replied the cub, "Cause I'm freezing!" *("T & T," KCYY, San Antonio)***

**The problem with cats is that they get the exact same look on their face whether they see a moth or an axe murderer. *(Paula Poundstone)***

**A chimpanzee can learn to recognize itself in a mirror, but a monkey can't. The experiment consists of marking the animal with paint in a place -- such as the face -- that it could see only while looking at its reflection. If it tries to wipe off the mark while facing a mirror, it indicates that the animal recognizes itself. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**Venomous snakes are immune to their own venom. Think about how often you have bitten your lip, tongue, or inside of your cheek. There's a real chance of a snake accidentally biting itself, and so snakes have developed an immunity to their own toxin. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**If animals have moody days, they handle them better than humans do. *(Betty White, actress)***

**The dog is a yes-animal, very popular with people who can’t afford to keep a yes-man. *(Robertson Davies)***

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