

# General quiz on domestic animals

## Rabbits

1. True or false? Rabbits' hind legs and front legs do not have the same number of toes.

**True, the hind legs have 4 toes and the front legs 5.**

2. How many centimetres can rabbits' teeth grow per year?

- a) 2 cm
- b) 8 cm
- c) 12 cm

**c) Rabbits' teeth never stop growing. They grow by 2 millimetres per week, and up to 12 cm per year. Their fibre-rich food allows them to file their teeth naturally.**

3. How many beats per minute is a rabbit's heart rate?

- a) 50 to 100
- b) 140 to 180
- c) 300 to 350

**b) A rabbit's heart rate is 140 to 180 beats per minute but can rise to 300 when a rabbit is stressed.**

4. True or false? When they are happy, rabbits jump in the air and flap their paws.

**True. This type of jump is called a 'binky'. Rabbits are also able to purr like cats.**

5. How long does it take for a rabbit to grow in the womb before it is born?

- a) 1 week
- b) 1 month
- c) Three months

**b) Rabbits need 28 to 31 days before giving birth to their young. They're called kittens. There may be up to 14 born at once.**

## Pigeons

1. True or false? When put in front of a mirror, pigeons can recognise themselves.

**True. Very few animals can recognise themselves in a mirror. It is a scientific test used to determine the intelligence of an animal. Pigeons are very intelligent.**

2. How do carrier pigeons orient themselves?

- a) They use the position of the sun.
- b) They use an internal magnetic compass (in their head).
- c) They use human-built roads.

**All three. Carrier pigeons use these three methods to orient themselves. One study has even shown that they use landmarks such as road signs and human-made roads and highways, even changing directions at intersections!**

3. True or false? Pigeons mate for life.

**True. Pigeons mate for life and usually raise two pigeons at a time. Both the female and the male incubate the eggs in turn, and both take care of raising their young.**

4. True or false? Pigeons are solitary and do not like to socialise with other pigeons.

**False. Pigeons are very sociable animals. They are often seen in groups of 20 to 30 birds.**

5. What is the air speed record achieved by a pigeon?

- a) 148 km/h
- b) 350 km/h
- c) 80 km/h

**a) Pigeons can fly at a speed of 80 km/h. The fastest pigeon reached a speed of 148 km/h. Pigeons are used for racing because of their incredible speed and endurance.**

## Donkeys

1. True or false? Donkeys are naturally stubborn.

**False. During their evolution, donkeys had to take time to assess a situation and decide whether they needed to run or whether they should stay and fight. This is why donkeys have a very developed sense of self-preservation. If a donkey is not sure where it is being driven, it will stop and examine the situation before continuing. Some call this stubbornness or stupidity, but this typical analytic behaviour demonstrates common sense.**

2. How long can donkeys live for?

- a) 12 years
- b) 34 years
- c) 50 years

**c) 50 years, if they don't have to work too hard and are well looked after.**

**3.** What are donkeys' long ears for?

- a) Hearing the call of another donkey
- b) Venting when it's too hot
- c) To make them look pretty

**a. and b. Donkeys' ears are used to hear the call of a fellow donkey in the desert more than 95 km away.**

**4.** True or false? Donkeys can remember places and other donkeys they met 25 years ago.

**True. Donkeys have an excellent memory and are smarter than we think.**

**5.** True or false? Donkeys don't really like spending time with other donkeys. They're solitary animals.

**False. Donkeys are very sociable and need to spend time with their friends.**

## Chickens

**1.** How many different chickens can a chicken recognise?

- a) 15
- b) 50
- c) 100

**c): Chickens can recognize more than a hundred of their own species just by looking at them.**

**2.** True or false? Chickens dream when they sleep.

**True. Chickens have the same rapid eye movements as humans (and other animals) when they sleep. This proves that they dream.**

**3.** True or false? Chickens are as intelligent as mammals known to be highly intelligent.

**True. Chickens are intelligent animals. Some scientists think they may be as intelligent as chimpanzees or gorillas. For example, chickens know that an object has not completely disappeared when it is hidden. Children only learn this from the age of two.**

**4.** True or false? Chickens like to have fun.

**True. Chickens like to run, jump, and lie in the sun when resting when they are free roaming.**

**5.** How many different vocalizations do chickens use to communicate?

**Chickens use 24 different vocalizations. For example, they communicate to warn their fellows of various dangers. Brooding hens communicate with their chicks when they are still in their eggs and the chicks respond to her. Once hatched, the chicks chirp towards their mother to let her know if everything is fine or not.**