Critter Quiz 1

Interesting Small Animal Facts

- Female guinea pigs are called sows, males called boars, and babies called pups.
- Guinea pigs are also referred to as cavies.
- The hamster's native habitat is the deserts of Asia.
- Guinea pigs like humans can't make their own vitamin C, so they must have supplements through their diet.
- In the wild, guinea pigs live in groups of 5-10 members.
- A young Guinea pig can run when it is only three hours old!
- A human year is equal to 25 hamster years.
- Gerbils are native to India, Africa and Asia.
- Gerbils will thump both hind legs on the ground when excited.
- The most common Guinea pig breeds are the American (short smooth coat), Abyssinian (short coat with rosettes) and the Peruvian (long haired); a wide variety of coat colors are seen.
- Hamsters cannot swim and do not take or need baths - they clean themselves without any difficulty.
- Pet rats are not like their wild cousins. Pet rats are actually very lovable, affectionate, and one of the most intelligent rodent pets. They can be taught tricks, and they can even learn to help keep their cages clean.
- Guinea pigs are born with their eyes open and all their fur.
- Guinea pigs communicate with one another by making thirteen (13) distinct sounds.
- Currently, there are 13 breeds of guinea pig recognized by the American Cavy Breeders Association.
- Baby hamsters are called 'puppies'.
- Hamsters are color blind.
- Gerbils require little water as they do not sweat.
- A group of gerbils is called a business, a male is a hob, and a female is a jill.

Fun Facts about Avian and Exotic Small Animals

- To survive, every bird must eat at least half its own weight in food each day.
- A bird's heart beats 400 times per minute while they are resting.
- Americans own more than 60 million pet birds.
- Larger parrots such as the macaws and cockatoos live more than 75 years.
- Many hamsters only blink one eye at a time.
- Armadillos have four babies at a time and they are always all the same gender. They are also the only animal besides humans that can get leprosy.
- Iguanas are able to hold their breath for up to 30 minutes.
- A garter snake can give birth to 85 babies.
- Ferrets are currently the third most popular pet in the US. There are an estimated eight to ten million ferrets in the United States being kept as pets.
- A goldfish can live up to 40 years.

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Small Animals – Avian and Exotics

Fill in the blanks with using the provided words (answers) below.

A.	Three	**F.**	Sweat
B.	Guinea Pig	**G.**	Asia
C.	Africa	**H.**	Color
D.	Group	**I.**	Business
E.	Puppies	**J.**	Thirteen

1. Hamster's native habitat is the deserts of _____.
2. Wild guinea pigs live in a _____ of 5-10 members.
3. There are currently _____ different recognized breeds of guinea pigs.
4. A group of gerbils are called a _____.
5. Gerbils do not _____.
6. A young guinea pig can run when it is _____ hours old!
7. The _____ is born with its eyes open and all its fur.
8. Hamsters cannot see _____.
9. Gerbils are native to India, _____ and Asia.
10. Baby hamsters do not bark even though they are called _____.

Decide if these statements are true or false, mark with a T or F.

1. Iguanas cannot hold their breath. _____
2. A bird's heart beats 200 times or less while resting. _____
3. A goldfish can live up to 40 years. _____
4. A garter snake can birth 85 babies. _____
5. Armadillo's four babies are not always the same gender. _____
6. There are more than 60 billion pet birds owned by Americans. _____
7. To survive, birds must eat twice their weight in food. _____
8. Many gerbils blink one eye at a time. _____
9. Ferrets are the third most popular pet in the United States. _____
10. Macaws can live over 75 years. _____