



HAPPY NEWS



JAPAN

How to cheer up a sunfish

Even fish get lonely! An aquarium in Japan recently discovered that their ocean sunfish was feeling lonely when it closed for renovations. With no visitors, the sunfish began acting strange - it stopped eating its favourite jellyfish meals and starting rubbing its body against the tank. To cheer it up, staff decided to hang up cardboard cutouts of people facing the tank. The next day, the sunfish was back to normal!



KIDS



CAMBODIA

Rare animals pictured

In Virachey National Park in Cambodia, a big survey discovered some amazing animals, including 20 species that are in danger of disappearing, like the Sunda pangolin, clouded leopard and sun bear. The team used cameras to catch pictures of these rare animals, and they even found species that had never been seen in Cambodia before, like the Sokolov's glass lizard. The park is extremely special because it's home to many animals that can't be found anywhere else.



FRANCE

Paws and popcorn

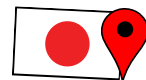
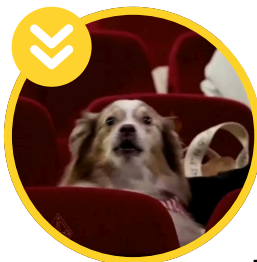
A cinema in Paris hosted a heartwarming event for both humans and their furry friends! 18 dog owners and their loyal pups gathered at the Majestic Bastille movie theatre for a special screening of a classic Disney film. What did they watch? Lady and the Tramp of course!



UK

Your word of the year 2024

Children across the UK have spoken, and the word of the year for 2024 is kindness! Over half of the 6,000 children surveyed chose it, showing just how much you care about being kind and helping others. In second place was "artificial intelligence," chosen by 25% of children. When it comes to slang, the top word was "slay," followed by "sigma." The Oxford University Press, who ran the survey, believes that the choice of "kindness" reflects growing awareness about mental health.



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Sensory friendly sports

Not everyone loves the loud cheers, bright lights and big crowds at sports games, some can find it overwhelming. Japan's Tokyo Dome recently trialled sensory-friendly tickets for children, which gave them a special spot to watch a baseball game without the crowds and noise. They also gave out a bag full of sensory goodies such as squeeze balls, hand spinners, sunglasses and ear defenders to help them feel calm. Families praised the initiative and hope to see it rolled out at every game!

