

## **ANIMALS' AGE**

Some animals can grow to a ripe old age. Do you know which of these animals lives longest?

Watch carefully now.

This little horse is still very young. It's a foal. It will soon be as big as the other horses here.

Horses are most happy when they have fresh grass and friends to play with. Under these conditions, horses can live for 20 years.

Flies can only dream of that, because they live for just a few days. However, in this short time they are busy producing hundreds of offspring. Very soon after hatching, the new-born fly is ready for take-off.

Do you recognise this animal?

It's a giant tortoise. They are exceedingly big, exceedingly heavy, and always in search of food. Their favourite foods are fruits and leaves. Giant tortoises are not only very heavy, they can also live for a very long time: 200 years! Tortoises can afford to stroll slowly through life.

The field hamster is in much more of a hurry. He only lives for 2-3 years, but he doesn't mind at all. The main thing is that he finds a meadow with plenty of tasty things to nibble on, and a partner for having baby hamsters.

Who remembers which of these animals lives the longest: the horse, the fly, the tortoise or the hamster?