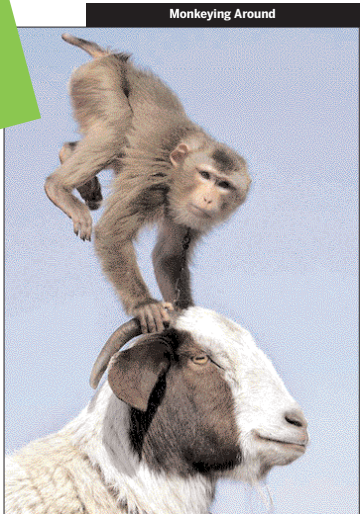


Natural World in Pictures



Talk to the paw buddy, no official comment!

A dogsled team awaits a race in Winterberg in the Sauerland Mountains, Germany. Pic: DPA / Zuma Press



Monkeying Around

A monkey does a handstand on the head of a sheep during a performance at a temple fair held to celebrate the Chinese New Year in Beijing. Pic: Christina Hu / Reuters



Referees, where's my gold medal?

A lynx crosses the finish line during the first official training for the men's Olympic downhill skiing at Whistler Creekside Alpine skiing venue. Pic: Michael Kappeler / AFP - Getty Images



Who are you calling Two faced?

Called a tobacco hornworm, this rare creature appears to have numerous faces with what look like convincing 'eyes', complete with cheeky grins, peeping out all the way down its three-inch body. But, despite appearances, these are just markings. The worm only has one face, which is surprisingly glum compared to its body. Krista Queeney snapped these pictures at Gloucester, Massachusetts. Pic: Solent



Don't be fooled, I am a future King

Three one-month-old lion cubs explore their surroundings during their first outing at the Ramat Gan Safari Park near Tel Aviv, Israel. Pic: David Silverman / Getty Images

As an animal lover and an admirer of the natural world, my eyes always stops at beautiful pictures. A week before I compiled a few of those pictures that had certain significance to the environmental and scientific issues.

This week I have organized more that ranges from the coldest Canadian snowy tops where winter Olympics is held to the warmest parts of India where climate change has become a harsh reality. It is important to see and recognize some creatures from the furthest parts of the world and make their sights familiar to us like common animals in our country.

This diversity has made our planet earth a pleasant and beautiful place to live on. Without them our lives would be as dull as living on the red planet. With the human interference on the environment more and more animal species are disappearing from planet earth every day.

And such animals will never be seen again. Before it becomes a sad reality to the rest of the animals at the brink of extinctions, earth's environment should be saved so that they could survive.

That task is not just in the hands of the developed world, we all have to take that responsibility.

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Back off buddy, it is mine...no mine!

Two grey herons fight over a piece of fish passersby have fed them on a frozen lake in Berlin. Theo Heimann / AFP - Getty Images



This is awkward; I'm supposed to be a vegetarian!

A white tiger tries to attack a calf during a training session to tame the tiger, which was brought up in a wild zoo, in Changzhou in east China's Jiangsu province. The 15-year-old tiger named langhu was thrown in with the calf, which eventually was able to resist with its horns. The battle ended when the tiger retreated and allowed the keeper to guide it to its closure. Pic: Yu Ling / Chinafotopress / Zuma Press.

