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Panda's first birthday



A panda from Taiwan celebrated her first birthday. She had a traditional birthday celebration of “drawing lots”.

People hung eight bamboo tubes. There was a name on each tube. The panda chose her favourite one. Each tube represented an animal species. The panda will be used as a spokesperson for the species that she chose.

She was also given a special birthday cake which was made from her favourite foods. They were bamboo, apples, carrots and pineapples. According to the zoo, the panda attracted more than 1.6 million visitors since she was born.

Grey wolf in California



This news is from a zoo in California. It is about a two-month-old grey wolf.

The little wolf is getting to know the world around him. He is in quarantine now. He needs to get ready for his job. He is going to be an animal ambassador. He is going to take part in demonstrations at the zoo. He is going to help visitors learn more about wolves.

Bull run 2014

The famous bull run took place in a Spanish town. Bulls chased hundreds of runners in the narrow streets.

Locals, as well as visitors from around the world, attend this festival. However, all wasn't well. A bull gored one American man and one British man. The Briton is in hospital. His condition is critical.

The bulls aren't the only danger. You have to watch out for them and the other people. You must step and jump over them.

Baby walrus



A baby walrus was born at a zoo in Hamburg, Germany. Birth of walruses are rare, and the zoo cannot be happier. The baby is already a local star.

For the Hamburg zoo, it is the first birth of a walrus calf ever. The pup and its mum need to be safe, so they are still in a quiet part of the zoo. The baby has no name yet. Visitors will choose it through a competition.

Bad policeman



A shocking video from the USA emerged. It shows policemen who talk to a man in a wheelchair.

When they are about to leave, the man runs over an officer's foot. The policeman responds aggressively. He pushes the man over and makes him fall out of his wheelchair. The man says that he didn't see the officer – he probably did not do this on purpose.

The officer is not allowed to work for the next 30 days, and he will be on probation for a year.

Firefighters save a dog



A fire broke out last Monday in Santiago de Chile. The fire started on the 12th floor of an old building.

A dog was one of the victims. Firefighters found it unconscious in one of the burning flats. It was unconscious because of the smoke. Medics helped the dog with an oxygen mask.

The dog suffered a few burns, but doctors treated him and he is now with his family. He is getting better and better. The firefighters put the fire under control in 2.5 hours.

Mud festival in South Korea



A strange festival in South Korea started recently. Yes, we are talking about the 17th annual mud festival!

Festival organizers expect guests to come in clean clothes and leave covered in dirt and mud. People enjoy mud-wrestling pits and mud slides. There is even a mud prison! The point is to get as dirty as possible, and people seem to like it.

According to the organisers, around 3 million people came to the festival last year. They expect this many people to come this year, as well. The mud festival continues until July 27th.