



HAPPY NEWS



GERMANY

Cuddles are like magic

When you're upset or hurt, a cuddle always seems to help - and now scientists in Germany have proved the healing power of hugs. Researchers have looked at studies involving over 13,000 people and found that physical touch can improve our health and wellbeing. Consensual touch by humans, such as kisses and cuddles, can help us to feel happier, reduce anxiety and even reduce pain!



KIDS **UK**



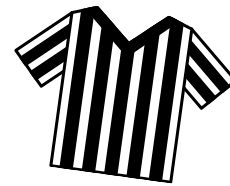
A quackers journey!

A rubber duck that has been lost at sea for 18 years has turned up 400 miles away in Scotland. Filip, 13, discovered the duck on his local beach in the Orkney Islands. On closer inspection, Filip and his mum found that the duck had "World Record Duck Race, Ireland 2006," written on its back. In 2006, 150,000 ducks were released in Dublin, Ireland, to try and break the world record for the largest ever plastic duck race. It seems this one went a little 'off-quack!'



Sound Shirts

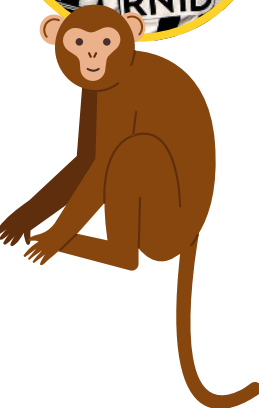
Newcastle United have launched 'sound shirts,' which will allow deaf fans to feel the noise of a football game for the first time. Microphones will transmit noise from the stadium to sensors in the football shirt, which will vibrate and light up in response.



WORLDWIDE

Earth Day on the horizon

Monday 22nd April is Earth Day, a day that raises awareness about the importance of protecting our planet. All around the world, people take part in events to promote climate action and encourage others to make positive change. This year's theme is 'Planet vs. Plastics,' highlighting the negative impact single-use plastics have on our environment. Will you do something to celebrate Earth Day?



THAILAND

City's plan to stop monkeying around

Police have set up a special unit to tackle naughty monkeys in the ancient city of Lopburi, Thailand. The monkeys are a protected species and a symbol of the city and are allowed to roam freely. Now, city officials say the monkeys are causing havoc - by stealing food, bags and even phones from people! The unit will try to control the 2,500 animals humanely by using deterrents or relocating them.

