



HAPPY NEWS



New hospital for London zoo



Image Credit: ZSL

London Zoo is set to open a brand-new state-of-the-art animal hospital where visitors will even be able to watch live procedures, thanks to a mystery £20million donation. From penguin check-ups and gorilla CT scans to ultrasounds for pregnant armadillos, visitors will be able to see vets at work from a special viewing gallery inside the new health centre. The Zoological Society of London (ZSL), which has just celebrated its 200th anniversary, hopes the centre will showcase the importance of its wildlife conservation and commitment to animal care.

Hope for rainforests

The destruction of tropical forests fell by 36% in 2025 after countries including Brazil introduced stronger anti-deforestation policies, according to a new report. Experts say it's proof that action to protect the planet really can work, with millions fewer hectares of rainforest lost compared to the previous year. Rainforests are incredibly important because they absorb carbon dioxide, help slow climate change and are home to millions of animal and plant species.



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Scotland's surprise visitor

A wandering walrus nicknamed Magnus has been delighting people after making surprise appearances along Scotland's northeast coast. For many locals, it was their first time ever seeing a walrus in real life, as the giant marine mammals usually live much farther north in icy Arctic waters. Magnus quickly became a local celebrity as crowds gathered to watch him rest by the shoreline, while wildlife experts praised people for giving him plenty of space.

Quote of the Week

"An understanding of the natural world is a source of not only great curiosity, but great fulfilment."

-Sir David Attenborough



Big win for koalas!



Australia has created a huge new protected area called the Great Koala National Park to help save thousands of endangered koalas. Stretching across New South Wales, the park will protect forests where more than 12,000 koalas live, while also helping hundreds of other native species. Conservationists have called it one of the country's biggest wildlife wins in years, with experts saying connected protected habitats are vital for the future of koalas.

Louis Vuitton goes plant-based

Luxury fashion brand Louis Vuitton has showcased a new plant-based faux fur on the Paris runway, made from natural fibres including hemp, nettle and flax instead of animal fur. The move is being seen as a major step towards wildlife-friendly fashion - and one that could help save millions of animals - as more brands move away from using real fur in their collections.



Mindful Minute

Step outside. For one minute, close your eyes and listen carefully to the sounds around you. How many natural sounds can you hear - birds, wind, rain or rustling trees?

