



IDIOMS WITH ANIMALS

1. **ants in one's pants** = unable to sit still or remain calm out of nervousness or excitement
2. **(the) birds and the bees** = sex education
3. **cat nap** = a short sleep taken during the day
4. **cat's got one's tongue** = said about someone who doesn't speak
5. **raining cats and dogs** = raining heavily
6. **chicken out** = to decide not to do something out of fear
7. **copycat** = a person who does the same thing as someone else, who copies another person's work.
8. **dog days** = very hot days
9. **straight from the horse's mouth** = directly from the original source
10. **dropping like flies** = dying/giving up quickly
11. **have a cow** = get extremely upset
12. **hold your horses** = wait and be patient
13. **get the lion's share** = get the greatest percentage
14. **holy cow!** = an exclamation of surprise
15. **kill two birds with one stone** = get two things done at once
16. **in the dog house** = in trouble with another person
17. **let the cat out of the bag** = reveal a secret
18. **(a) little bird told me** = I heard something, usually secretive, from someone
19. **you can't teach an old dog new tricks** = it is difficult for older people to learn new things
20. **monkey see, monkey do** = silly/unintelligent people tend to copy each other's actions
21. **pig out** = eat a lot of something
22. **take the bull by the horns** = face a challenge or danger boldly
23. **nest egg** = money saved for the future
24. **make a beeline** = go straight for something
25. **rat race** = fierce, competitive struggle for power, position.
26. **smell a rat** = begin to suspect trickery.
27. **put the cat among the pigeons** = to cause trouble
28. **there is more than one way to skin a cat** = there is more than one way to do something
29. **a bull in a china shop** = a tactless person who upsets others or upsets plans, a very clumsy person
30. **a cash cow** = a product or service that makes much money

31. **until the cows come home** = until very late, for a long time
32. **(as)crooked as a dog's hind leg** = dishonest
33. **dog in the manger** = someone who prevents others from doing what they themselves do not want to do
34. **every dog has his day** = everyone will have his chance or turn, everyone will get what he deserves
35. **fight like cats and dogs** = to argue and fight with someone
36. **in the doghouse** = in disgrace or disfavor, in trouble
37. **lead a dog`s life** = to lead a miserable life
38. **a shaggy dog story** = a long and often pointless story that is told as a joke and often ends in a very silly or unexpected way
39. **work like a dog** = to work very hard
40. **wild goose chase**= going after something that you are not likely to get
41. **quit cold turkey** = it means you stop completely
42. **watch something like a hawk** = watching extremely carefully
43. **like a fish out of water** = you are very uncomfortable in a particular situation or environment.
44. **ants in your pants** = you can't stay still because you're very agitated, excited, worried.
45. **mad as a hornet** = for someone who is extremely angry
46. **wouldn't hurt a fly** = is a person who is very peaceful, non-violent
47. **can of worms** = A complex, troublesome situation arising when a decision or action produces considerable subsequent problems
48. **a party animal** = someone who likes going to parties a lot and goes to as many as possible
49. **act like an ape** = behave badly, wildly, foolishly
50. **dumb bunny** = stupid or gullible person

