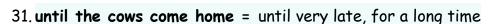
IDIOMS WITH ANIMALS

- 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



- 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.

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- 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



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