



# Crossword Puzzles

Volume 6

Animals & Pets

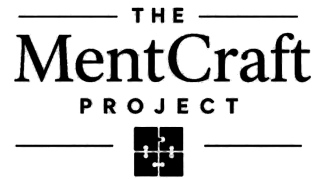


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## **For David**

My son, you have a wonderful mind.

Always remain curious and never assume you know everything.

## **How to Get the Most Out of This Book**

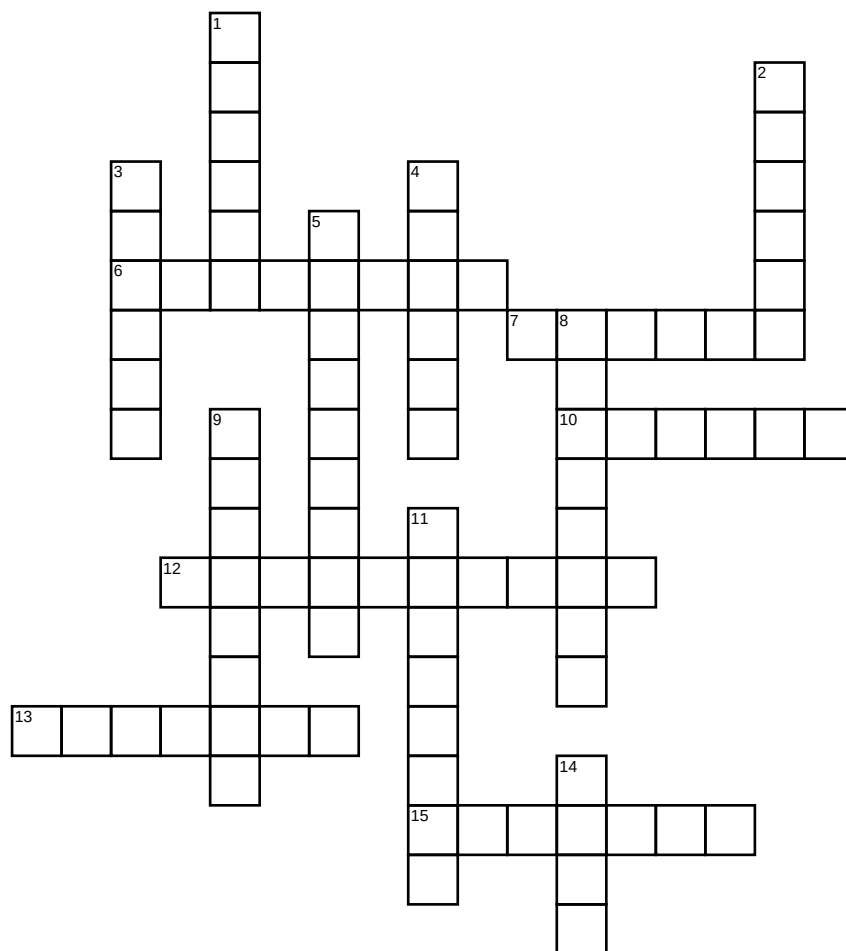
Every MentCraft collection is built on a simple belief: a mind that's regularly challenged stays sharper, more curious, and more capable. Crossword puzzles do this in a distinctive way — you're not simply recalling a word, you're reasoning your way to it sideways, through wordplay and the partial evidence of crossing letters.

Each puzzle's header shows its subtheme, its number, and a difficulty rating, so you can track your progress or choose where to start. All solutions are grouped together near the end of the book, in numerical order, ready whenever you need to check your work.

If you're the kind of solver who likes to dig a little deeper, this book includes a complete Glossary at the very end — every word, defined and alphabetized, so an unfamiliar term never has to stay a mystery. And at the bottom of every puzzle page, you'll find a My Notes space: room to jot down a new word you've learned, an alternate answer you considered, or anything worth remembering as you go.

Fill in each answer based on its clue. Answers cross over one another at shared letters, just like a standard crossword. Enjoy the journey!

# Puzzle 1: Animal Anatomy, Coverings & Body Features



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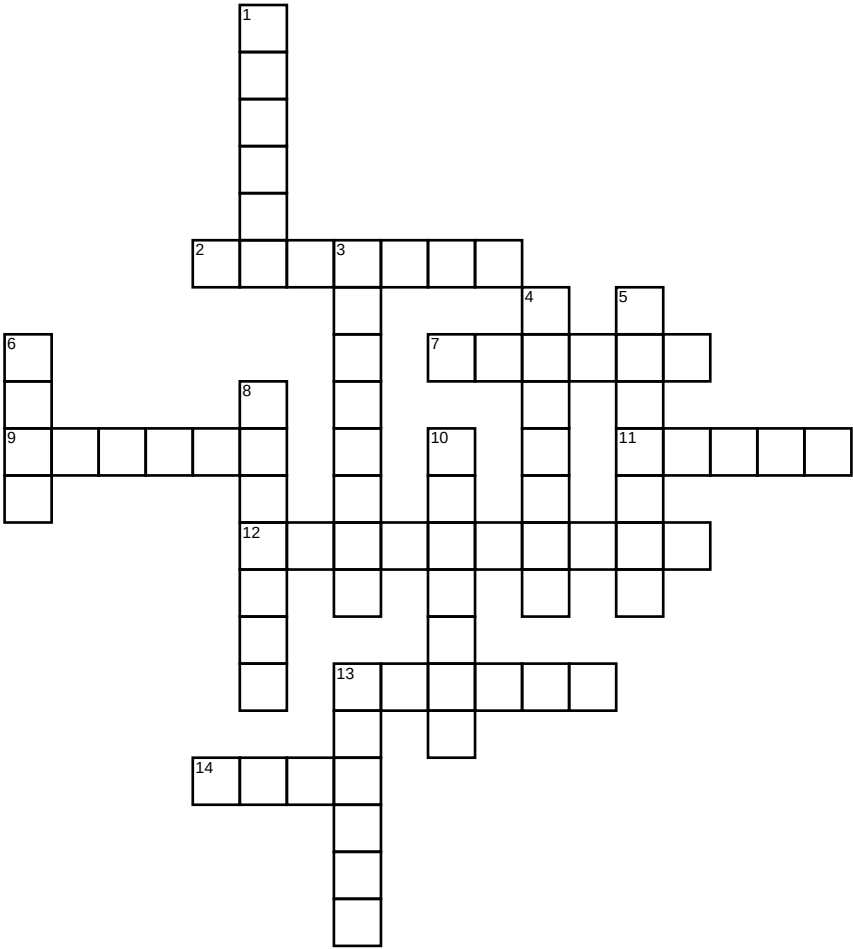
- 6. Air intake openings
- 7. Armed with sharp projections
- 10. Goat's throat ornament
- 12. Foot bone
- 13. Marked with dots
- 15. Thin fin plate

## DOWN

- 1. Bird's lower leg segment
- 2. Having a coat of fur
- 3. With aquatic limbs
- 4. Mouth's digestive fluid
- 5. Relating to a bird's preen gland
- 8. Arachnid mouth-appendage
- 9. Hardened exoskeleton piece
- 11. Lower jaw bone
- 14. Bird's mouth

**My Notes:**

Puzzle 2: Animal Anatomy, Coverings & Body Features



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- 2. Membrane between toes
- 7. With hard feet
- 9. Fleshy growth on a chicken's neck
- 11. Bird of prey's sharp claw
- 12. Arachnid mouthparts
- 13. Thickened skin patch
- 14. Animal skin

DOWN

- 1. Mouth's ceiling
- 3. Stiff animal hairs
- 4. Blotchy pattern
- 5. Belly-side oriented
- 6. Cat's feet
- 8. Vestigial digit on a cat's leg
- 10. Stiff-haired
- 13. Rounded sides of an animal's face

My Notes:

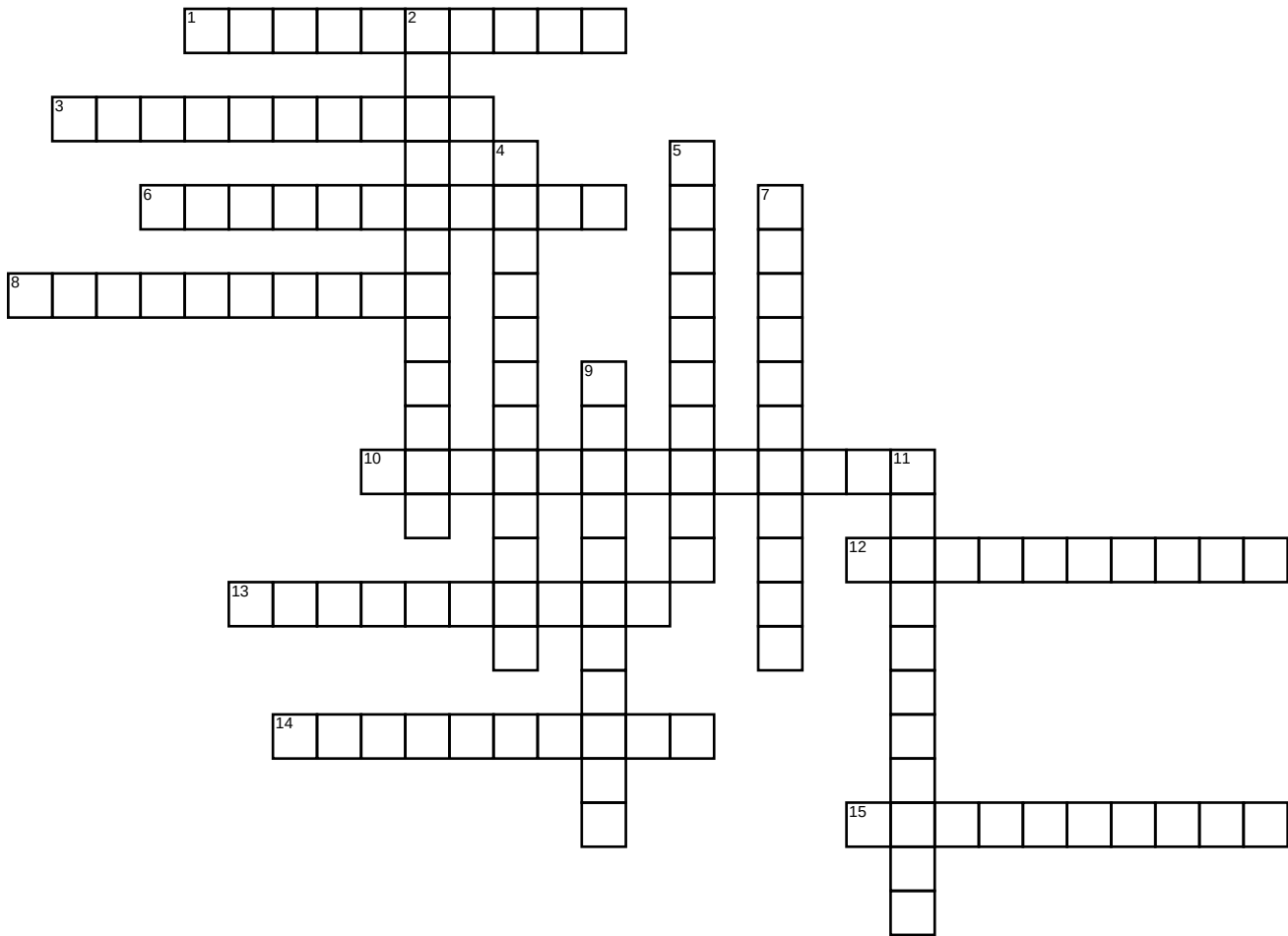
## **BONUS PUZZLES**

Our gift to you for choosing this book!

A few extra, slightly trickier puzzles to enjoy.



Puzzle 61: BONUS



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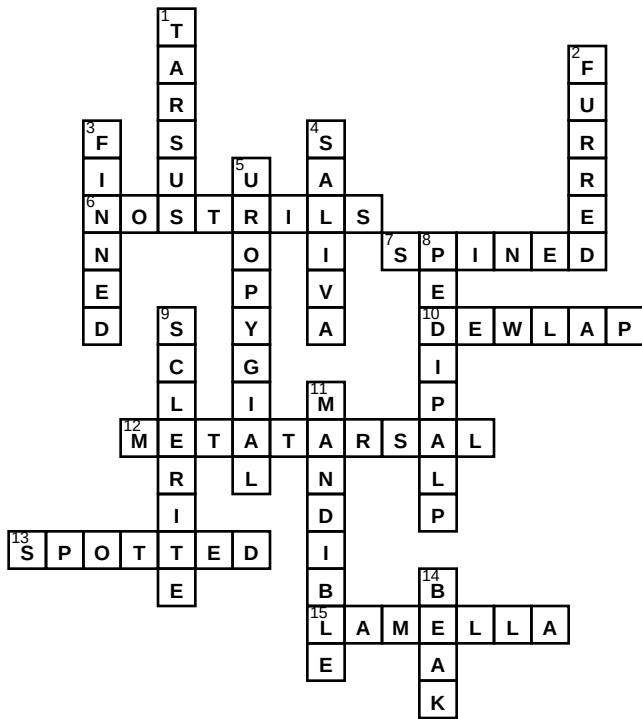
- 1. Can be processed by digestion
- 3. Nutrient intake by the body
- 6. Fruit-eating habit
- 8. Newborn web-spinner
- 10. A dramatic physical change in life cycle
- 12. How snakes and lizards move
- 13. Concerning animal actions
- 14. Colorful diver of riverbanks
- 15. Reptile glass homes

DOWN

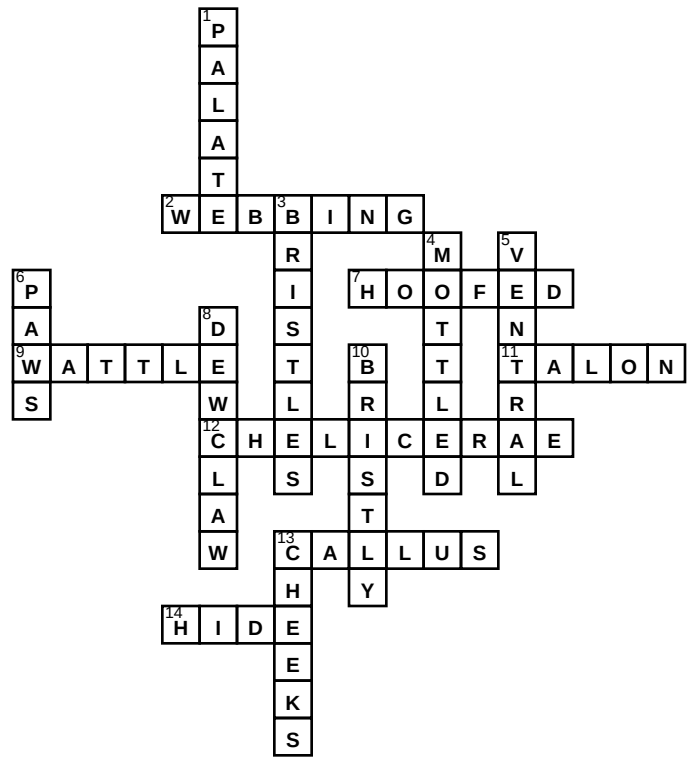
- 2. A popular breed of racing horse
- 4. Physical build in animal shows
- 5. Class of marine mollusks
- 7. Meat-eating characteristic
- 9. Art of presenting animals effectively at events
- 11. Tailed four-limbed amphibians

My Notes:

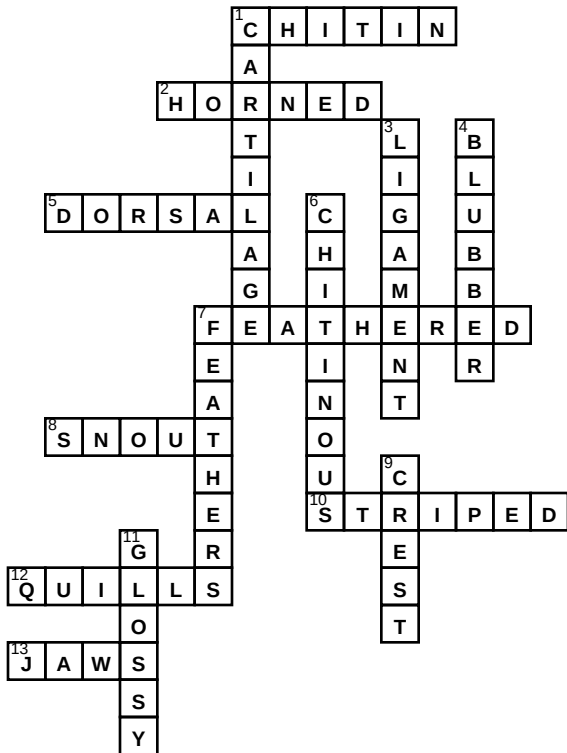
Solution #1



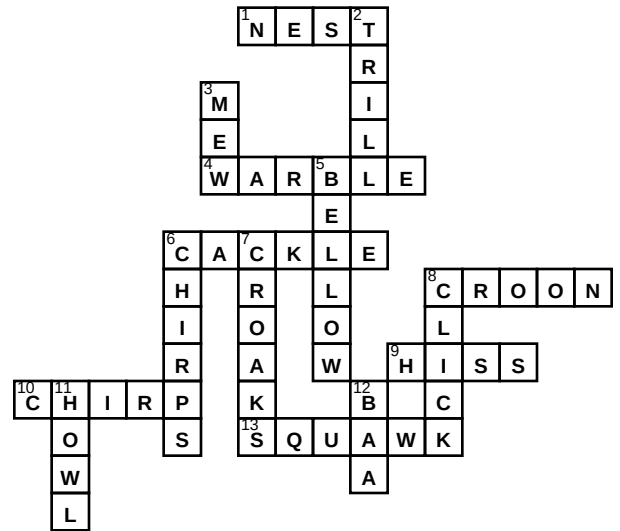
Solution #2



Solution #3



Solution #4





# Glossary

**AARDVARK:** An African mammal with a long snout and sticky tongue that feeds on ants.

**ABANDONMENT:** The act of leaving an animal behind without care or supervision.

**ABSORPTION:** The process by which nutrients pass through the intestinal wall.

**ADOPTABLE:** Suitable and available for placement in a permanent home.

**ADOPTER:** A person who takes an animal into a permanent home.

**ADOPTERS:** People who take animals into permanent homes.

**AFFECTIONATE:** Showing fondness or tenderness, often used to describe the behavior of dogs.

**AGOUTI:** A medium-sized rodent from Central and South America with coarse hair.

**AIREDALE:** A large terrier breed historically used for hunting, guarding, and service work.

**AKITA:** A large Japanese dog breed historically used for guarding and hunting.

**ALBATROSS:** A large seabird with a long wingspan, known for its ability to glide over oceans.

**ALERTING:** The act of warning a handler about a detected condition or event.

**ALLERGIES:** Adverse immune responses to substances that are normally harmless.

**ANCHOVY:** A small, slender saltwater fish often used as bait or food.

**ANEMONE:** A marine animal with a tubular body and stinging tentacles.

**ANESTHESIA:** A state of induced loss of sensation for medical purposes.

**ANGLERFISH:** A deep-sea fish with a bioluminescent lure used to attract prey.

**ANTELOPE:** Any of various slender, swift-running mammals of the family Bovidae.

**ANTHILL:** A mound of earth built by ants.

**ANTIBIOTIC:** A medicine used to treat bacterial infections in animals.

**ANTIBIOTICS:** Medicines that inhibit the growth of bacteria.

**ANTIFUNGAL:** A medication used to treat fungal infections.

**ANTISEPTIC:** A substance that prevents the growth of microorganisms.

**APPALOOSA:** An American breed of horse known for its distinctive spotted coat pattern.

**AQUARIUMS:** Tanks used to house fish and aquatic life.

**ARCHERFISH:** A fish capable of spitting water to knock insects from branches.

**ARCHIPELAGO:** A group of islands.

**ARENA:** An enclosed space where animal sports, like rodeo or show jumping, occur.

**ARMADILLO:** A small armored mammal native to the Americas, known for its bony shell.

**ARTHROSCOPY:** A surgical procedure to examine a joint using an endoscope.

**ASS:** A domesticated mammal with long ears and a braying call.

**ASSISTANCE:** Help provided by a trained animal to support a person's daily needs.

**ATOLL:** A ring-shaped reef, island, or chain of islands formed by the breaching of a volcano.

**AVIAN:** Pertaining to birds.

**AVIARIES:** Large cages or houses for keeping birds.

**AVIARY:** A large enclosure for keeping and displaying birds.

**AVOCET:** A small, elegant shorebird with an upward-curving bill.

**AXOLOTL:** A type of salamander that retains its juvenile features throughout life.

**BAA:** The bleating sound made by sheep and goats.

**BABOON:** A large Old World monkey with a dog-like muzzle.

**BACKSWIMMER:** An aquatic insect that swims on its back.

**BACTERIA:** Microscopic organisms that can cause disease in animals.

**BADGER:** A stocky, burrowing mammal with a striped face.

**BANTAM:** A small breed of chicken often kept on farms or as pets.

**BARK:** The short, sharp sound made by a dog.

**BARNACLE:** A marine crustacean that attaches itself to rocks or hulls.

**BARNACLED:** Encrusted with small hard-shelled marine crustaceans.

**BARNYARD:** An area of land enclosed for keeping farm animals.

**BASENJI:** A small hunting dog breed developed in central Africa.

**BAYING:** To howl or bark loudly and persistently.

**BEACH:** An area along the shore of a sea, ocean, lake, or river where sand, pebbles, or shingle accumulate.

**BEAK:** The hard, pointed mouthpart of a bird or some reptiles.

**BEAR:** A large mammal with thick fur and a plantigrade posture.

**BEAVER:** A large, semi-aquatic rodent known for its powerful teeth and dam-building abilities.

**BEDBUG:** A small, parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of humans and animals.

**BEDDING:** Material such as straw, hay, or fabric used to provide comfort and warmth in a pet's living area.

**BEEFALO:** A hybrid between domestic cattle and American bison.

**BEEHIVE:** The dwelling of a colony of bees, typically consisting of hexagonal cells made of wax.

**BEHAVIOR:** The way in which an animal acts or conducts itself.

**BEHAVIORAL:** Relating to animal actions or patterns of conduct.

**BELLOW:** A deep, loud roar made by large animals like bulls or elephants.

The MentCraft Project starts from a simple idea: a mind that's exercised regularly stays sharper, more curious, and more capable — but not every mind sharpens the same way. Some people think best in words, others in numbers, others in shapes and spatial patterns, others in sequences of logical steps. That's why MentCraft builds puzzle collections across many different formats, each one training a different kind of mental muscle.

Crossword puzzles train the mind in a very particular way: you're not just recalling a word, you're reasoning your way to it sideways — through wordplay, association, and partial evidence from intersecting letters. Every solved clue reinforces vocabulary you already half-knew, while the crossing pattern quietly builds the discipline of holding several possibilities in mind until only one fits.

Solve puzzles that delve into the fascinating world of animals and pets, from understanding the unique anatomy of exotic creatures to unraveling the intriguing behaviors of farm animals. Each clue is a gateway to new knowledge, whether you're deciphering the coverings of different species or exploring their diverse habitats. As you navigate through this engaging book, you'll find yourself expanding your vocabulary and deepening your curiosity about these wonderful beings—whether they're barking in the park, purring at home, or swimming gracefully in the sea.

