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我们之前曾举出了17个有动物的惯用语。这个星期再继续举出些例子，供大家参考。

(1) Top dog : 处支配地位者 In the present world, why should a country, often a super power, sometimes act as top dog over other countries?

(2) Go to the dogs : 堕落 ; (经济) 衰退 No matter a business or a country, if it is not properly managed, it is sure to go to the dogs one day.

(3) Do the donkey work : 呆板的日常工作 Jack is not a person to work with. He will just sit back and let you do the donkey work.

(4) A sitting duck : 容易被打击的对象 Out in the open, the hunter is a sitting duck for unseen wild animals.

(5) A cold fish : 冷漠无情的人 Among the guests at the same table was Dr Wees wife, who looked unfeeling and was a real cold fish to me .

(6) A fish out of water : 如鱼离水 ; 不适应 Qi never likes to go to a party, without friends, as he will feel like a fish out of water there.

(7) Have other fish to fry : 另有更重要的事要干 As I had other fish to fry yesterday, I was forced to decline Davids invitation to a dinner.

(8) There are plenty more fish in the sea : 可供选择的人或事还很多 Since Andrew had gone off with another girl friend, Laura couldnt care less, knowing that there were plenty more fish in the sea.

(9) Cannot say boo to goose : 羞怯 When foreign students first came here, they could not say boo to a goose, but there is now no shortage of eloquent speakers and outspoken thinkers.

(10) A wild-goose chase : 徒劳的搜索 To

look for a pin in the sea? Isnt it tantamount to a wild-goose chase?

(11) A guinea pig : 被当实验的人或物 Whenever there is a research or something innovative, someone or something will be used as a guinea pig. (12) Back the wrong horse : 支持失败的一方 Many spectators backed the wrong horse by favouring the British team, which lost to the German team. (13) A dark horse : 实力难测的竞争者 No one expected Jimmy to win, but he did win. He was a dark horse. (14) Change horses in mid-stream : 半途改变主张 , 或支持另一方 If you support a person, do so from the beginning to the end. dont change horses in mid-stream. (15) The lions share of..... : 最大最好的部分 When the old man died, the eldest son took the lions share of the inheritance. (16) The rat race : 激烈的竞争 In the rat race of todays world, only the fittest survives. (17) A snake in the grass : 潜伏的敌人 There has often been something suspicious about Williams behaviour and he has really turned out to be a snake in the grass. 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com