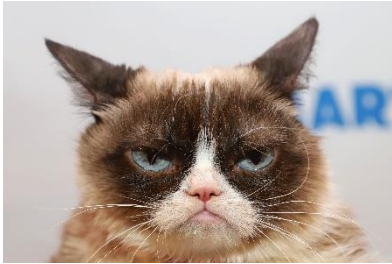


## Famous animals

Here are some of the most well-known animals, from the modern days to the beginning of the last century!



Tardar Sauce a.k.a. the Grumpy Cat became famous in 2012 because of her photo on Reddit, which people turned into a meme. She appeared on TV and in the newspapers. She has her own book and an online shop. Today, she is worth between one and 100 million dollars.



Dolly was the most scientific sheep ever! She was born in 1997 as a result of cloning. She was not very healthy, but had lambs of her own that grew up into normal sheep. She died after six years. You can see her in the National Museum of Scotland.



Bubbles was the chimpanzee pet of Michael Jackson, the pop star. Jackson got him from an animal research facility. The chimp slept in a crib, used the toilet and ate candy. When he grew up, he became aggressive and went to live with an animal trainer. Today he is 36 years old and lives in the Center for Great Apes in Florida.



Koko was a gorilla that learned to speak! She could use 1000 words in sign language and understand 2000 words when people spoke to her. She lived in the San Francisco zoo for 46 years old and had pet cats.



Laika the dog lived on the streets before they put her through space training. In 1957, she was the first living creature to go into space. Unfortunately, the stress of the launch was so huge that she died in the first five hours.



"Lonesome" George was the name of the last Pinta Island tortoise. He lived over a hundred years and became one of the best-known tortoises in the world. Today you can see him at the Charles Darwin Research Station.

**Questions and tasks:**

- 1 Which of the six animals are most interesting?
- 2 Which one do you think had the best life?
- 3 Do you know of other famous animals? Which ones?
- 4 What do you think about using animals for scientific research?
- 5 Discuss the good and the bad sides of the life in zoo.
- 6 Imagine you are one of these animals. Write a letter to the people that take care of you.