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Dinosaur replaced its teeth every two months

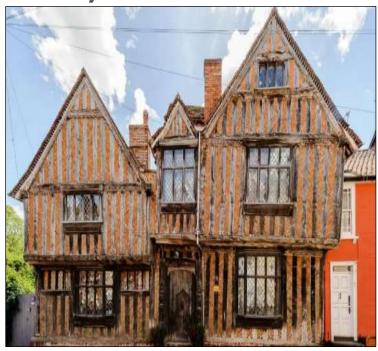
A species of carnivorous dinosaur that once roamed Madagascar 70 million years ago was so tough on its teeth that they needed to be replaced frequently, according to a new study. Majungasaurus had to replace its mouth full of teeth about every two months, growing replacements in each socket up to 13 times faster than other dinosaurs, the researchers found. "This meant they were wearing down on their teeth quickly, possibly because they were gnawing on bones," said Michael D'Emic, author of the study, from Adelphi University. "There is independent evidence for this in the form of scratches and gouges that match the spacing and size of their teeth on a variety of bones." The Majungasaurus, which means Majungha Lizard, ran on two legs, was the length of two cars, weighed as much as a rhinoceros and was one of the last dinosaurs to have lived!

Would you like it if you could grow more teeth this often?



Pictured: A photograph of a Majungasaurus crenatissimus skeleton,

Harry Potter's childhood home for rent



Pictured: The De Vere House courtesy of AirBnB.

The home that Harry Potter was born in is now available to rent on Airbnb. The home, called De Vere House, is in Britain's "finest medieval village", Lavenham in Suffolk. The exterior of De Vere House played a starring role in the Harry Potter films. The cottage, which featured as Harry's Potter's birthplace Godric's Hollow in the Deathly Hallows Part One film, was also the same place where Hogwarts headmaster, Albus Dumbledore grew up. The Grade I listed property that was sold last year has since been transformed into an award-winning bed and breakfast. The cottage is owned by Carol Cavendish, a long-time Harry Potter fan, who said she enjoys providing guests with an environment where they can "leave behind everyday life and step into their favourite storybook".

Jazz & Hunter - dog and giraffe best friends!



Pictured: Jazz the giraffe and Hunter the dog, photo taken from AJ+'s Twitter page. trying to eat leaves.

An abandoned 9-day-old baby giraffe, named Jazz, is recovering at the Rhino Orphanage in Limpopo Province, South Africa, after a farmer found him weak and dehydrated. The farmer was very worried about the baby giraffe and contacted the closest place that he thought may be able to help. Jazz was quickly befriended by Hunter, a Belgian Malinois, who is the orphanage's security and anti-poaching dog. Hunter quickly began to care for the newcomer, sitting with him and even sleeping beside him. The two are now almost inseparable. Caretaker Janie Van Heerden says they bonded immediately. She says the baby giraffe had been given IV fluids and is doing much better. He is being fed milk from a bottle and is trying to eat leaves.

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