

These are Animal News stories from pages 4 and 10 of *First News*. Can you match the keywords below the stories to their meanings? When you have identified each word, can you put them back into their correct place in the stories, so it makes sense?



ANIMAL NEWS

FLAMINGO FRIENDS

_____ are friendly and loyal birds, research has shown.

Exeter University studied four flamingo _____ for four years. They found that, despite being in giant flocks of up to two million, flamingos form small friendship groups, teaming up to help with feeding and nesting.



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SIPHONO -WHAT?!

THIS bit of string floating in water could actually be the longest animal ever recorded!

It's called a siphonophore, a long, stringy, stingy creature _____ to jellyfish. Biologists from the Western Australian Museum spotted it and, although not officially _____, it is believed to be around 150ft long, which would make it three times as long as a humpback whale!



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THE SMELL OF LOVE



Chigusa Tanaka, Japan Monkey Centre



SCIENTISTS have discovered that male ring-tailed lemurs like to smell nice to attract females.

A study by Kazushige Touhara, professor and biochemist at the University of Tokyo, found that the males release a fruity-smelling perfume from glands on their wrists when they want to impress a female. They rub their tails against the _____, before waving their tail around so that females can smell their "perfume". The behaviour is known as "stink flirting".

Ring-tailed lemurs are known for using different smells to _____ with each other. They use scent for marking their _____ and to show where each animal ranks in their social group. Scientists now plan to further investigate the smells that the lemurs use to attract females, and how successful it makes them when it comes to _____ a mate.

The full report is published in the nature journal *Current Biology*.

flamingos

flocks

measured

related

securing

communicate

gland

territory

Calculated or estimated the size of (past participle 8)

Connected; belonging to the same species (adjective 7)

Share or exchange information (present participle 11)

An area of land controlled by a group of animals (noun 9)

Groups of the same species, eg, birds (plural noun 6)

Tall birds with pink plumage, a bent bill, long legs and a long neck (plural noun 9)

To succeed in obtaining something (present participle 8)

An organ in the body that secretes particular chemical substances into the surroundings (noun 5)