

Olympic History: Nature and Animals

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1. Which animal was officially released at the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics as a symbol of peace, but accidentally burned due to being perched on the Olympic cauldron?

A) Dove

B) Eagle

C) Hawk

D) Falcon

2. During the 1900 Paris Games, which animal-based sport was featured as an official Olympic event for the only time in history?

A) Pigeon shooting

B) Bear wrestling

C) Horse jumping

D) Dog racing

3. The 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer are widely cited as the first to prioritize this specific environmental approach to event hosting.

A) Zero-waste management

B) Green Olympics initiative

C) Carbon-neutral transportation

D) Renewable energy only

4. Which creature served as the mascot for the 1972 Munich Olympics, representing the first official Olympic mascot in history?

A) Waldi the Dachshund

B) Misha the Bear

C) Phryge the Bonnet

D) Fuwa the Panda

5. What is the name of the 'environmentally friendly' mascot chosen for the 2000 Sydney Olympics that represented a platypus?

A) Syd

B) Ollie

C) Millie

D) Syd, Ollie, and Millie

6. In 1936, the organizers of the Berlin Olympics planted thousands of trees as part of a landscape design effort. Which species of tree was most prominently featured to honor the tradition of the ancient Olympic victors?

A) Oak

- B) Pine
- C) Cedar
- D) Olive

7. Which famous Olympic venue was criticized for its environmental impact on a local coral reef during the 2024 Paris Olympics surfing events held in Tahiti?

A) Teahupo'o tower construction

- B) The Seine River cleanup
- C) Olympic Village site clearing
- D) Mountain forest logging

8. The 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics faced environmental controversy regarding the destruction of habitats for which endangered large cat species?

A) Persian leopard

- B) Siberian tiger
- C) Snow leopard
- D) Cougar

9. What was the primary environmental concern regarding the site of the 2008 Beijing Olympic rowing venue, the Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park?

A) Water scarcity

- B) Air quality
- C) Soil erosion
- D) Noise pollution

10. Which animal was famously depicted on the medals of the 1960 Squaw Valley Winter Olympics, reflecting the region's focus on nature and wildlife?

A) Snowshoe hare

B) California quail

- C) Bald eagle
- D) Brown bear