

Animal

Olympians

Lots of these animals are already famous for their amazing athletic talents. But have you ever thought about **why** they are so talented? Some answers are easier than others...think about:

- The shape of their bodies
- The size of their bodies
- The structure of their bodies



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I'm a peregrine falcon. I can reach speeds of 200mph: that's just under 10X faster than Usain Bolt! I fly so fast that my beak is a special shape to stop my lungs from collapsing under the pressure.

I'm a Rhinoceros beetle and I hold the record for being the strongest animal relative to my size. I can lift 850x my own weight. That's the same as an average adult lifting 9 double decker buses.



Eddy Van 3000



Judi Cox

I'm an anaconda. My teeth aren't strong enough to kill my prey, and I don't have any poison. Therefore I have to kill my prey by squeezing it to death.

I'm a kangaroo rat. If you could jump as well as me, you could jump over an entire football pitch in one leap.



Paul Berquist