

A Crossword A Day

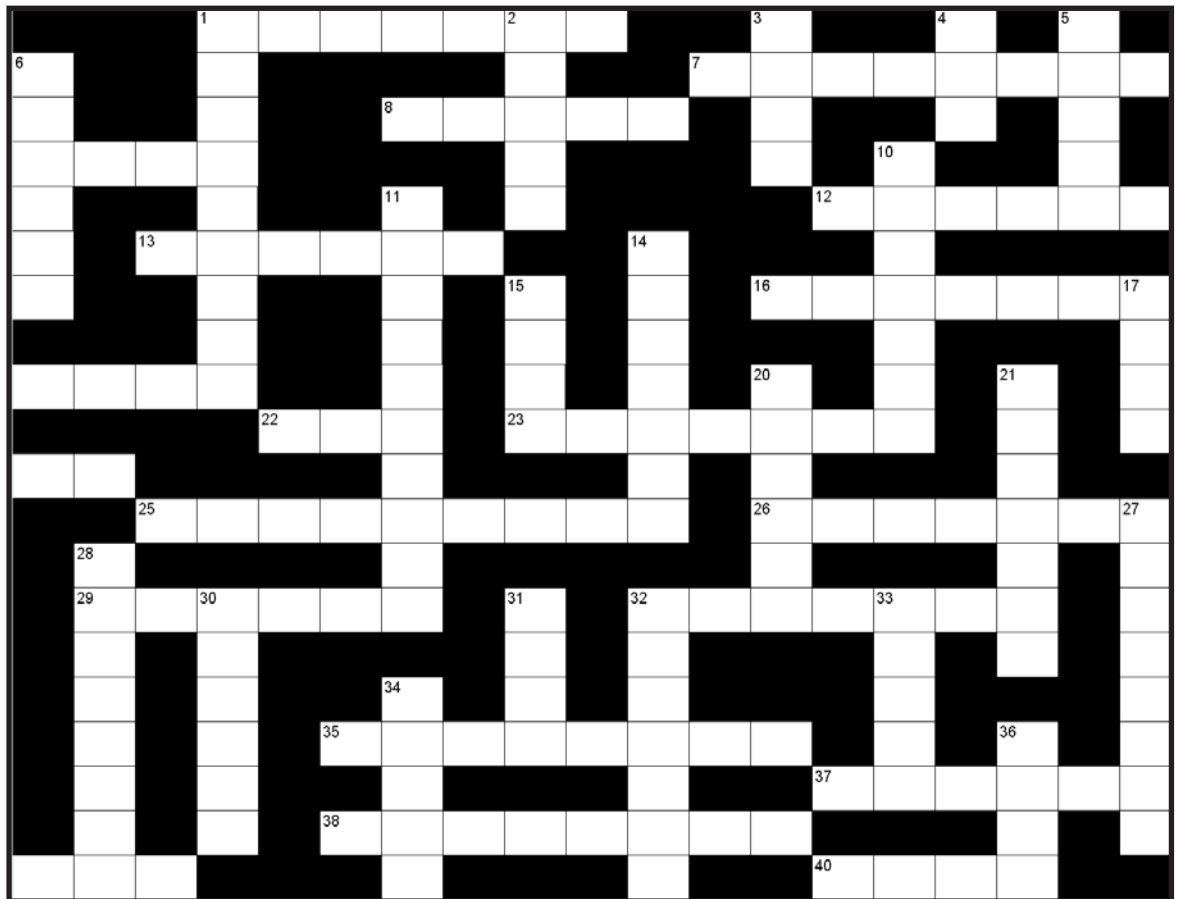
...means you have too much time on your hands

Unfortunately Andrew's cryptic crossword for this month did not arrive in time, so here is a normal one.

It is themed with all answers being animals of some description. However, where possible the clues will give an alternative meaning for the answer. So, if you get stuck on an obscure meaning, think of an animal.

Hint:

The answers are all Animals



Across

1. Crustacean of the family *Homaridae*. Also a term of contempt: A gullible, awkward, or undesirable person. [Slang] (7)
7. Crested parrot of the Australian region. (8)
8. Chemise. (5)
9. A long flexible steel coil for dislodging stoppages in curved pipes. (5)
12. The weight or hammer of a pile driver; A small trading vessel of the sixteenth century. (6)
13. A dupe. [Slang] (6)
16. A person regarded as cocky or pugnacious. [Slang] (7)
19. Thin leaves of metal, as for use in gilding or enamelling; kings. (5)
22. Unknown John on the slab. (3)
23. Hamster-like pets. (7)
24. A spiteful woman. (3)
25. Plural of 35 across. (9)
26. Aquatic reptiles. (7)
29. An edible muscle found in the hollow of the pelvic bone of a fowl. (6)
32. Leopard. (7)
35. Small slender long-tailed parrots. (8)
37. A fire-fighter who is sent to battle remote, usually very severe forest fires. (6)
38. A moderate reddish orange. (8)
39. To For compliments. (4)
40. An official document issued and sealed by the pope. (4)

Down

1. A couple who are openly affectionate with each other, especially in public. (9)
2. Get down with this duck. (5)
3. A short-knotted rope formerly used as an instrument of punishment in the navy. (4)
4. A pad of material, typically hair, worn as part of a woman's coiffure to puff out her own hair. (3)
5. Early last century transportation. (5)
6. A stool pigeon. [Slang] (6)
10. Plural of 37 across. (7)
11. Brightly coloured bird of the Picidae family. (10)
14. Lots of Jing Joks. (7)
15. An outside irregular dealer in stocks, who is not a member of the exchange. (4)
17. Plural of 4 down. (4)
18. A South Sea Islander kidnapped and sold into slavery in Australia; A Kanaka. (9)
20. Offspring of 24 across. (6)
21. Most domestic ducks descended from this species. (7)
27. Email program used by the Andaman Post. (8)
28. Mooring posts on a wharf or beach. (8)
30. Plural of 9 across. (6)
31. Shoe brand; what Americans call 32 across. (4)
32. Plural of 13 across. (7)
33. An ancient city of northwest Africa in present-day northeast Algeria. (5)
34. Two under par. (5)
36. Offspring of 5 down. (4)