

Science

'Gestation period' means how long an animal is pregnant for—how long the mother carries the baby inside her until it is ready to be born.

Use the internet to find out how many babies each animal usually has and how long those animals usually live for (life span). Cut out the pictures and stick them in the right boxes.

Which animal is pregnant for the longest time? Which animal is pregnant for the shortest time?

Animal	Gestation Period (days)	Animal	Average number of babies per pregnancy	Average life span of the animal
Cat (domestic)	62			
Cow	280			
Chimpanzee	237			
Dog	62			
Elephant, African	640			
Fox	52			

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Giraffe	395-425			
Goat	151			
Hamster	16			
Horse	337			
Human	266			
Rabbit	21			

