

Were these Ark animals?

We can't be completely sure what animals boarded the Ark, but these lived around that time. Wow!

Meshippus ▼

(meh-so-HIP-us) Size: 2 feet tall

A horse is a horse, of course. But the grandpa of all horses and zebras was smaller (about the size of a dog). And it had three toes—not just one big hoof.



Proailurus ▼

(PRO-ay-LURE-us) Size: 3 feet long

Not much larger than your housecat, this feline's name means "first cat." All cats—lions, tigers, and your pet—came from a cat like this.



Hesperocyon ▼

(hes-per-OH-sigh-on) Size: 2 ½ feet long

If you saw *Hesperocyon*, you'd think it was a strange dog—and that's exactly right. Today's pet dogs don't have its flexible body and long tail.



Theosodon ▼

(thee-OS-oh-don) Size: 6 feet long

Although theosodons looked like camels or llamas, they belonged to a different kind. They were part of the only known family of animals with both a long neck and trunk-like nose.



Thylacosmilus ▼

(thy-lack-oh-SMY-lus) Size: 6 feet long

Those big teeth make this look like a saber-tooth cat, right? But it's not a cat! This strange creature may have had a pouch to carry its young.



Anisodon ▼

(An-EES-uh-don) Size: 8 ½ feet tall

This giant walked on its knuckles like a gorilla but had a head like a horse. It probably clawed and ate leaves like a sloth. What a unique and wonderful mix.



Tyrannosaurus ▼

(tuh-RAN-uh-sore-us) Size: 40 feet long

We've all heard about the fearsome *Tyrannosaurus*. A full-grown "tyrant lizard" was the size of a bus, but the ones Noah cared for may have been younger and smaller, like this one.



Quetzalcoatlus ▼

(ket-zal-co-AT-lus) Size: 17 feet long

Flying reptiles once soared through the skies, and that would have been quite a sight. This guy had the wingspan of a small airplane!

