

## 10 Things you didn't know about Durrell

1. Since its opening in 1959, over 13,000 animals have been born at Durrell.
2. Durrell's organic farm produces 80% of the greens needed to feed its animals.
3. Durrell has an on-site veterinary centre and laboratory.
4. Durrell has more than 40 projects in 17 countries for 48 animal species.
5. Two Durrell staff members have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours; Prof Carl Jones MBE and Jeremy Mallinson OBE.
6. The first person to receive training at Durrell came to the Trust in 1977 and went on to become the head of the National Parks Department in Mauritius.
7. Durrell was the key partner in saving four of 16 bird species from extinction between 1994 and 2004.
8. Since 1959 Durrell has bred over 420 Meller's ducks, 350 Mallorcan midwife toads, 330 Round Island boas, 535 Jamaican boas, 440 Mauritius pink pigeons, 715 Bali starlings, 351 Rodrigues fruit bats, 156 Madagascar teal, 133 pied tamarins, 41 gentle lemurs, 21 western lowland gorillas and 10 Sumatran orangutans.
9. Durrell not only saves animals from extinction but plants too.
10. Gerald Durrell's ashes are buried in the ground of the Trust under a memorial plaque with a quote from William Beebe, 1906, which reads: "*The beauty and genius of a work of art may be reconceived, though its first material expression be destroyed; a vanished harmony may yet again inspire the composer; but when the last individual of a race of living beings breathes no more, another heaven and another earth must pass before such a one can be again.*"