

Online Information

The Mission Possible Mystery at Space Center Houston

Trivia

1. The footprints left by astronauts on the moon should last several million years!
2. The first “chimponaut” was a 3-year-old chimpanzee named Ham, who rocketed into space on January 31, 1961.
3. A space shuttle's main engine weighs about one seventh as much as a train engine but can deliver as much horsepower as 39 locomotives!
4. The black and white caps astronauts wear under their helmets are called “Snoopy” caps because they make the astronauts look like the famous comic strip character.
5. The bright orange space suits shuttle astronauts wear during launch and landing are called “pumpkin suits.” They include life preservers, life rafts, smoke flares, emergency radios and even a signal mirror.
6. The word astronaut means “star sailor.”
7. The first dog in space was a Russian dog named Laika.
8. The first American woman in space was Sally Ride.
9. The aircraft that produces short periods of weightlessness for astronauts in training is called the “Vomit Comet”!

