

Zoology

A number of mostly unfamiliar animals are roaming around the grid, but only one of them has a characteristic spelled out in two asymmetrically-placed vertical columns, and that's the one to put in the box.

Across

- 1 At the end of the day, moving the head back clears the controls (6)
- 4 German artist backs fight with what's central to serious public art (8)
- 10 Begin at the start with one bird and a ratlike marsupial (9)
- 11 Very German and healthy (5)
- 12 Carve and the rest start to help (4)
- 13 Mid-auction disturbance reveals raccoon family member (5-5)
- 15 Insects get outside enclosure for freedom (7)

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- 16 Note laboratory has returned insectivorous mammal (6)
- 19 Fussy eaters, say, travelling in commercial vehicles (6)
- 21 Left one by business entrance (7)
- 23 Ruining my case, Clegg missed final note showing frequency (10)
- 25 God has painful back (4)
- 27 Porcine habitat with light metal needles (5)
- 28 Being unaware CNN see ice melting (9)
- 29 This puzzle ought to be very clever about luncheon vouchers (8)

- 30 Fairy tale character's cheap nosh oddly missing gutted eel (6)
- Down
- 1 Bull and mare combine in temporary shelter (8)
 - 2 Set of numbers showing Chinese dynasty's recurrent pattern (4,5)
 - 3 Honey possum one buried in rubbish (4)
 - 5 Rodent gets up to say goodbye hearing a knock on the door (3-1-3)
 - 6 Fertiliser unfortunately fries human (4,6)

- 7 Store remains essentially yours, right, though absorbed by pub (5)
- 8 Among doctors, one goes in for lemurs (6)
- 9 Modest over gutting the wolf's relative (6)
- 14 Sailor caught in funny business at a place down south (10)
- 17 Space this person allows for travellers (9)
- 18 In the end, zoo has conspicuous success impregnating genuine pinniped (4,4)
- 20 Wax-coated trick barbiturate (7)

- 21 Desperate requests a drug could satisfy (6)
- 22 Entertains two Americans with enormous clothes (6)
- 24 Bovine seen in Harringay allotment (5)
- 26 Floyd perhaps name-dropping a lagomorph (4)