

DUNG BEETLE FACTS

- . Dung beetles are the strongest animals in the world and can pull 1,141 times their body weight. That's like a human pulling six fully loaded double-decker buses**
- . Dung beetles are found on every continent - apart from Antarctica**
- . They have a life span of three years and range in size from less than 1mm to 6cm**
- . Ancient Egyptians revered the beetle (also known as the scarab) and believed that a giant version of the insect kept the earth revolving**
- . They are usually solitary - except for the period they spend with a partner before mating**
- . Female dung beetles are the best mothers in the insect world and stay with their offspring for two months**
- . Scientists have found up to 16,000 beetles in one 1.5kg heap of elephant dung**
- . Dung beetles are the only animals other than humans that navigate using the Milky Way.**

MEET THE PLANET'S TOP POWER LIFTERS

1,141

The number of times its own body weight that the dung beetle, left, can pull - the equivalent of a man dragging six double decker buses.



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- **Leafcutter ant:** Can lift 50 times its own body weight.
- **Gorilla:** Can lift 4,600lb, ten times its body weight.
- **African crowned eagle:** Can lift 36lb during flight, four times its body weight.
- **Human:** Zydrunas Savickas, world's strongest man, can lift 898lb, 2.3 times his body weight.
- **Tiger:** Can carry 1200lb, double its body weight.
- **Elephant:** Can carry 20,000lb, 1.7 times its body weight.
- **Ox:** Can pull and carry 2000lb, 1.5 times its body weight.
- **Grizzly bear:** Can lift 1200lb, 0.8 times its body weight.

