

*Happy Chinese New Year
Gong xi fa cai!*



Chinatown Singapore Jan 2012

Are you ready for the 'big one'?

It's not only the Mayans, Australian Aborigines, Mauri's, Incan Shamans, Native Americans, Zulu, Aztecs, Siberian Shamans, to name a few (!) who know this is a time of great change.

In Chinese Astrology it is also hailed a year of significance in many ways and for many reasons

This month I offer you a quick look into the Chinese Astrology and some of the predictions for this year.....

2012

Year of the Water Dragon



So we arrive for our 2nd New Year celebrations of 2012

Any excuse for a celebration!

This year it's early, normally the Chinese New Year falls in February
This is a BIG celebration for the Chinese, much more poignant than the calendar New Year that most people celebrate.

This is the Lunar New Year

But what is Chinese Astrology?

In this extra Newsletter I offer a brief overview and links to various sites where you can explore further the meaning and predictions for this auspicious year of 2012!

The following explanation can be found in Wikipedia

Legends and mythology are a big part of Chinese culture, especially in relation to the Chinese Zodiac. The 12 animals that appear on the Chinese Zodiac calendar include a rat, buffalo (ox), tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. This unusual collection has many legends attached to them

In Buddhism, legend has it that Buddha summoned all of the animals of the earth to come before him before his departure from this earth, but only thirteen animals actually came to bid him farewell. To reward the animals who came to him, he named a year after each of them. The years were given to them in the order they had arrived.

The 12 animals for the Chinese zodiac must have been developed in the early stage of Chinese civilization for hundreds of years until it became the current edition; and it's very hard to investigate the real origin. Most historians agree that Cat is not in the list since the 12 animals of the Chinese Zodiac were formed before Cats were introduced to China from India with Buddhism.

Another story tells that God called the animals to a banquet that night. The Rat, who loved to play tricks on his neighbour, told the cat that the banquet was on the day after tomorrow. The Cat believed his neighbour the Rat and slept whilst dreaming of the banquet. The next day, the rat arrived first followed by the ox, the tiger and the rest of the animals. The order of the animals was decided by the order that they arrived. The Cat was devastated and vowed that he would always hate the Rat.

Another good website is here

www.chinesezodiac.com

and offers the legend of 'The Great Race'

But what of 2012 itself?

The following is a selection of offerings from various fortune tellers, astrologists and Feng Shui Practitioners

They all agree this is a big and auspicious year

Not surprising really!

They also seem to agree 2012 is NOT the end of the world

Just the beginning of a New Era

Enjoy!

Namaste

2012 Water Dragon Predictions



*Welcome to 2012, the year of empowerment!
Fasten your seatbelt because the days ahead are all about accelerated
risk-taking and breaking through outmoded paradigms.
To thine own self be true -- no exceptions!
Can you handle it?
Of course you can!*

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The Water Dragon & Feng Shui

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[Feng Shui Mall](http://FengShuiMall.com)

The year 2012 is the year of the Water Dragon. From the reading of the stars and element relationships in the paht chee chart

This year is going to be a transformational life-changing year!

Generally, there are more goodies in store for you in the year 2012 than 2011. It's a good year to improve oneself, take calculated investment risks and to build wealth. The year 2012 holds much promise and may be a major transition in your life. Whether it turns out extremely good, or reallybad, will depend on how you ride the mighty Water Dragon!

The three powerful stars present in the year's chart are the Star of Aggressive Sword, the Star of the External Flower of Romance and the Star of Powerful Mentors.

The Star of Aggressive Sword brings hostility, violence and aggression. Anger will pervade, forceful words will be spoken and people will become uncompromising, especially among the top brass,

patriarchal people and people in charge. Revolutions and rebellions are indicated. Harmony does not come by easily. It becomes more demanding and competitive in the corporate world. People are motivated to outperform and step on others to achieve their goals.

The presence of the Star of External Flower of Romance indicates the occurrence of infidelity, extramarital affairs and relationship distress in the year 2012. Steady long term love relationships and marriages are not spared so do not take it for granted. Hearts will be broken, feelings deeply hurt and heartaches abound if you're hit by it. Make sure you sleep facing your relationship direction based on your Kua and have Feng Shui protection in your bedroom.

For those who are seeking to reach a new career height and be successful in your profession or business will appreciate the Star of Powerful Mentors. This star brings you the good fortune of influential people giving you the support, help and recognition to propel your professional life from poor to good, good to great. Place a statue of Kwan Kung in the Northwest corner or the front part of the home to activate Mentor luck.

The Tiger, Dragon and Phoenix (a Rooster that symbolizes Phoenix) appear in the year's pattern of influences. These are three of the four celestial animals of any space and the animal missing is the Tortoise. To complete this energy and achieve an ideal form school Feng Shui, it's an excellent idea to add a Tortoise or Dragon Tortoise figurine in the house for good feng shui in 2012.

The 2012 Eight Character chart has every element EXCEPT Fire. This missing element rules creativity and intelligence which are vital ingredients for success in this competitive world today. We all know Feng Shui is all about balance of the energies thus it's important to compensate the imbalance by introducing Fire element in your home or office. You can overcome the shortage by adding more lights, keeping them on for a longer period of time and using decorative items and upholstery that are red in color.

It's important to note that in order to enjoy the brilliant year ahead, the negative cosmic energies have to be kept under control. Build your confidence, empower your life force and fortify your inner strength with the help of spiritual practice and wealth luck and big successes will come to you naturally in 2012.

2012 The Year of the Water Dragon

By: [the Firepig](#)

**Hail mighty Dragon! Your arrival is most welcome
People and businesses around the world have had difficult times over the last few years, so the
good luck you bring is timely and needed.**

The Dragon is in fact the major symbol of good fortune in Chinese Astrology. The Dragon constellation, for example, is accorded the honor of being the guardian of the Eastern sky. According to tradition the Dragon brings in the Four Blessings of the East: wealth, virtue, harmony and longevity.

Indeed, of the 12 signs of the Chinese zodiac the Dragon is the most special, as it is a mystical being rather than an earthly animal. It is sometimes called a karmic sign. In this context that means we can expect grand things this year. Bigger than life is very much a Dragon thing. There will be spectacular successes as well as crash and burn failures.

To get an idea of the magnitude of events that might occur in 2012 it is helpful to look back on the last time the Water Dragon made an appearance, the year 1952. In February Elizabeth II became Queen of the United Kingdom, beginning a reign that still continues today. The UK was responsible for another amazing feat of longevity. In November Agatha Christie's Mousetrap opened in London, eventually setting the record for the longest, continuously running production of a play in history. It is not really cause for celebration, but in 1952 the United States introduced two of the most

destructive weapons in history, the hydrogen bomb and the B-52 bomber. On a more positive note, the field of medicine saw the first successful separation of Siamese twins at Mt Sinai hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. And, to make the point that significant bad things can also happen in a Dragon year, in December a killer fog descended on London, one result being the invention of the word smog.

Throughout history parents in China have hoped to have children during Dragon years. What famous people will be born in 2012, and how will they change the world? The year 1952 claims world leaders including Vladimir Putin and Lee Hsien Loong. In the world of sport Jimmy Connors dominated the world of tennis and became one of the greatest players ever, while football coach Bill Belichick has struck fear into the hearts of opponents, winning four super bowls in the process. And, Craig Newmark, founder of Craig's List, has revolutionized the world of advertising. In fact Dragons dominate the world of business. CEOs born in 1952 have run Coca Cola, Exxon-Mobil, Alberto-Culver, Time Warner, Colgate- Palmolive, Viacom, UPS, Radio Shack, Clorox, Tiffany & Company, Hershey, ITT, Macy's, Xerox and Walgreens to name a few.

Of course not everyone can grow up to be President of Singapore or CEO of Coca Cola. The Dragon, however, is a reminder everyone has dreams, and that the time to pursue them is now. Some may be as ridiculous as those of Don Quixote, comic hero of the famous Spanish novel. Others may change the world, or at least your life. Now is thus the time to take a chance, to reach for the proverbial brass ring, to not only dream but act on that impossible dream. The Dragon gives you the best chance to make it come true.

A word about timing. The Dragon is associated with Spring. This means you need to get off to a fast start in 2012 as things are going to happen early in the year. Hopefully you used some of the quiet time last year to plan. When the train leaves the station, you want to be on it! Good luck and opportunities to make money could come very soon after lunar New Year or Tet.

The Dragon is not, however, just about money. There will also be fireworks when it comes to love and romance. New love can blossom or an old one rekindle on the spur of the moment. It is relevant here to note the Dragon is closely associated with festivals and celebrations, as exemplified by its status as the star of New Year's parades. That makes 2012 the perfect year for engagements, weddings and baptisms.

A word of caution. The Dragon is after all a mythical beast. And, after the parade is over, the Dragon is put away for the next occasion. It thus suggests happenings of a transitory nature. So enjoy that new love, but understand it is more than likely just to be a fleeting romance.

So far it's been all about the Dragon.

The fact that 2012 is a Water year is extremely important and demands consideration. That's because Water nourishes the Dragon's fixed element, Wood, giving this Dragon a big advantage over the rest of the breed when it comes to bringing good luck. The same holds true for accomplishment.

This Dragon is actually going to realize some of those big dreams!

There is an even greater reason to rejoice. Ever since 1996 the year element has been in a destructive relationship with the fixed element of the animal sign. That is the longest unfavorable period in the 60 year cycle of Chinese Astrology, and that means a scarcity of good luck.

The year 2012 is thus blessed not only by the lucky Dragon but also the end of that destructive cycle.

Furthermore, under the influence of the Dragon it is a yang year. Yang Water is like a flowing river rather than a stagnant lake. Things will move, ideas flow, creativity abound, economies boom, and love blossom in this environment. It is likely to be an exciting year indeed.

Since this is a Water year, those people born in a Wood one will generally fare better than others of their animal sign, while those born in a Fire one are likely to do worse. It's also slightly negative for those born in an Earth year and mildly positive for Metal sign people. Finally, those born in a Water year will be in their element and do well if their animal sign is compatible with the Dragon.

Regardless of your sign, there will be significant upheavals in 2012. Soaring stock markets, natural disasters, and noteworthy, cultural and political developments will be more the norm than the exception. There will be celebrations of all kinds.

And, good luck will be coming your way.

Are you ready to fly with the Dragon?!

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**And finally...**

### *2012 The Year of the Water Dragon & Astrology*

**2012 is a year surrounded in speculation. The end of the Mayan calendar is on the winter solstice of 2012. This calendar ending has many certain that we are heading for the end times. Most cultures of the world have their own Astrology and, when investigated, they all work. With all this hoopla about the end of the Mayan calendar signifying the end of the world it is an interesting time to look at the Astrology of 2012.**

Pluto recently entering Capricorn will have great effect on many of our existing societal structures. Pluto is serious business, this planet likes to get down to the roots of the issues. It will uncover all things hidden, exposing the depth of problems we may not have noticed before. Capricorn rules structures, governments, institutions, also the actual crust of the earth. It is fair to say that the Institutions we have gladly handed our power over to in the past will be exposed in some way. Perhaps we will realize that doctors really don't know more about healing disease than our own intuitive selves. Death by wrongly prescribed drugs is sadly very common indeed. There is much evidence that the vaccines we have been advised to give our children cause neurological damage, accounting for the massive up-rise in autism and seizure disorders in our children. There is a movement back to natural healing, Intuitively we know that the earth herself actually provides for all our needs. Humanity will be moving away from artificial forms and returning to purity.

Now that Pluto has entered Capricorn hidden agendas are being exposed and this will continue through 2012 and beyond. We can expect political and economic reform as well. The rulers of such systems will be pushed to make changes to bring about a more just system that will distribute wealth more fairly and evenly. Our educational institutions are losing their footing as more young adults recognize the futility of investing hundreds of thousands into a system that leaves them unprepared for the world. Our educational systems are far behind our information age and many are choosing to educate their children outside this antiquated system of instruction. These changes in the order of things are happening faster and faster, causing confusion and awareness at the same time. It will take time for the dust to settle. We cannot see the outcome as we move towards the new.

Neptune also has a very prominent place in the chart of 2012, it is sitting on the ascendant in the first degrees of Pisces, which is its own sign. This indicates a strong Neptunian influence over the year. Neptune connects us to our higher selves. The part of us that knows the deep truth of existence, it understands how we are all connected to a greater whole, we are each an individual drop of water as well as the entire ocean. Barriers of all kinds will be dissolved, this can happen slowly over time, a meandering wake-up, or a sudden alarm clock wake-up, probably both to some degree.

Neptune is also the ruler of Angelic messages -there is no shortage of humans on earth today with the ability to bring in messages from other dimensions. These messages are most often full of helpful information. Edgar Cayce was one such channel, called the sleeping prophet and considered the father of naturopathic medicine, he would go into a sleep like state and then diagnose illnesses in people at great distance. His advice was filled with unheard of natural remedies, often including exercise and nutritional information. Cayce was strongly influenced by Neptune. He helped

thousands of people cure the incurable through this trance state. He had no knowledge of the information he shared in his waking state, but had faithful companions documenting every word. This channeled material conflicted with his devote christian beliefs, as in this sleeping state he would often connect current life issues to past lives. This knowledge of past lives was removed from the christian cannon hundreds of years ago- people who thought they had another life to try and get it right were not as easily controlled by fear of death. All of Cayce's readings were documented and can be found at [www.are-cayce.com](http://www.are-cayce.com)- The Association of Research and Enlightenment. The information he brought through so many years ago is still helping people today. Now there are many more famous channels bringing through Angelic messages, a quick search on google will lead you to much helpful life changing information. This is the influence of Neptune.

Chiron is standing next to Neptune in this chart. Chiron is said to be the Bridge between Saturn and Uranus- both active in this chart as well. Chiron will shoot through any barriers to the higher expression of our Souls, this is always liberating whether we resist it or not. With its influence so strong in the chart we are sure to be healing our unhealthy ways this can be joyful, or a slow painful rehab- depending on our willingness to change.

The Mayan calendar ending may be the end of life on Earth, but more likely it signifies the end of life as we have known it.

### **We are Spiritualizing.**

#### ***No longer will it be us and them but All.***

Our greater connection to the whole will be obvious and we will no longer be able to act irresponsibly. Those who choose to ignore the truth of this will be overthrown by all that see it. There will be revolutions, uprisings. The Souls we follow into the New world will be Ideological radicals calling for peace and harmony.

Another very important aspect in the chart is referred to as the Yod- otherwise known as the finger of God formation. Saturn, Pluto and Retrograde Jupiter are in this important aspect together. The Yod signifies an issue that will keep resurfacing until you get it. You live the same problem over and over until you finally figure it out- A change is forced upon you even if you don't feel ready for it. A move must be made even if you don't have all the details. Given the structure of the Yod, the planets involved, the exactness of the aspects, and its placement on the 10th house/4th house axis, it will definitely cause change in the world economic structure- as well revamping all the old-timey ways we cling to just because. With Jupiter in Taurus we are sure to see an expansion in stability after the disintegration of the old.

In 2012 the five outermost planets: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are in relationship with each other. They are together in what amounts to a single large astrological configuration with the Sun. This pattern is heavily influenced by Uranus. Uranus is in Aries in the first house of this chart making it a major player in 2012. Uranus is the planet of sudden change, radical reform, and genius; also the ruler of the art and science of astrology, as well as the internet and technological advances. With it exerting such influence you can assume that massive change is in the offing. A look to the last ten years gives good example of the sort of swift and mind-boggling changes we are in for.

### **To make the most of this year you would be wise to recreate your entire life.**

The more you dive in to change the less turmoil you will experience. When you resist change you lose the control to consciously direct your own destiny, you feel like a victim when you are really the creator. Working to reform your world is the best way to harness the power of this energy. If you can fight for a cause or raise awareness of some important issue- even better. Pluto is supportive when you are involved in selfless activities- helping yourself to help others. Needless to say this will be a fascinating year- just to be alive during this time is truly amazing - there has never been more potential for growth on the planet- You are here on this Earth for a reason- Live your purpose!



Of course there are many more on the internet, but I hope these 3 give you an overall feel of what Chinese Astrologers and Fortunetellers believe this year will bring

So hang on tight to the mane of that Dragon and enjoy the ride!

Namaste

## Your Chinese Zodiac Animal



....For those who may want to work out their animal....

*I'm an Earth Pig, which probably explains a lot, at least the latter - ha ha!*

Just a brief explanation from Wikipedia about the confusion in translation of some animals:

Due to confusion with synonyms during translation, some of the animals depicted by the English words did not exist in ancient China.

For example, 羊 can mean Ram, Goat or Sheep.

Similarly, 鼠 (Rat) can also be Mouse

豬 (Pig) is sometimes translated to Boar after its Japanese name

牛 plainly means Cow or Ox, and not Water Buffalo

Water Buffalo is 水牛.

| Year                        | Associated Element | Associated Animal | Associated Year             |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1924-1983</b>            |                    |                   | <b>1984-2043</b>            |
| Feb 5, 1924 - Jan 23, 1925  | Yang Wood          | 鼠 Rat             | Feb 2, 1984 - Feb 19, 1985  |
| Jan 24, 1925 - Feb 12, 1926 | Yin Wood           | 牛 Ox              | Feb 20, 1985 - Feb 8, 1986  |
| Feb 13, 1926 - Feb 1, 1927  | Yang Fire          | 虎 Tiger           | Feb 9, 1986 - Jan 28, 1987  |
| Feb 2, 1927 - Jan 22, 1928  | Yin Fire           | 兔 Rabbit          | Jan 29, 1987 - Feb 16, 1988 |
| Jan 23, 1928 - Feb 9, 1929  | Yang Earth         | 龍 Dragon          | Feb 17, 1988 - Feb 5, 1989  |
| Feb 10, 1929 - Jan 29, 1930 | Yin Earth          | 蛇 Snake           | Feb 6, 1989 - Jan 26, 1990  |
| Jan 30, 1930 - Feb 16, 1931 | Yang Metal         | 馬 Horse           | Jan 27, 1990 - Feb 14, 1991 |
| Feb 17, 1931 - Feb 5, 1932  | Yin Metal          | 羊 Goat            | Feb 15, 1991 - Feb 3, 1992  |
| Feb 6, 1932 - Jan 25, 1933  | Yang Water         | 猴 Monkey          | Feb 4, 1992 - Jan 22, 1993  |
| Jan 26, 1933 - Feb 13, 1934 | Yin Water          | 雞 Rooster         | Jan 23, 1993 - Feb 9, 1994  |
| Feb 14, 1934 - Feb 3, 1935  | Yang Wood          | 狗 Dog             | Feb 10, 1994 - Jan 30, 1995 |
| Feb 4, 1935 - Jan 23, 1936  | Yin Wood           | 猪 Pig             | Jan 31, 1995 - Feb 18, 1996 |
| Jan 24, 1936 - Feb 10, 1937 | Yang Fire          | 鼠 Rat             | Feb 19, 1996 - Feb 6, 1997  |
| Feb 11, 1937 - Jan 30, 1938 | Yin Fire           | 牛 Ox              | Feb 7, 1997 - Jan 27, 1998  |
| Jan 31, 1938 - Feb 18, 1939 | Yang Earth         | 虎 Tiger           | Jan 28, 1998 - Feb 15, 1999 |
| Feb 19, 1939 - Feb 7, 1940  | Yin Earth          | 兔 Rabbit          | Feb 16, 1999 - Feb 4, 2000  |
| Feb 8, 1940 - Jan 26, 1941  | Yang Metal         | 龍 Dragon          | Feb 5, 2000 - Jan 23, 2001  |
| Jan 27, 1941 - Feb 14, 1942 | Yin Metal          | 蛇 Snake           | Jan 24, 2001 - Feb 11, 2002 |
| Feb 15, 1942 - Feb 4, 1943  | Yang Water         | 馬 Horse           | Feb 12, 2002 - Jan 31, 2003 |
| Feb 5, 1943 - Jan 24, 1944  | Yin Water          | 羊 Goat            | Feb 1, 2003 - Jan 21, 2004  |
| Jan 25, 1944 - Feb 12, 1945 | Yang Wood          | 猴 Monkey          | Jan 22, 2004 - Feb 8, 2005  |

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| Feb 13, 1945 - Feb 1, 1946  | Yin Wood   | 雞 Rooster | Feb 9, 2005 - Jan 28, 2006   |
| Feb 2, 1946 - Jan 21, 1947  | Yang Fire  | 狗 Dog     | Jan 29, 2006 - Feb 17, 2007  |
| Jan 22, 1947 - Feb 9, 1948  | Yin Fire   | 猪 Pig     | Feb 18, 2007 - Feb 6, 2008   |
| Feb 10, 1948 - Jan 28, 1949 | Yang Earth | 鼠 Rat     | Feb 7, 2008 - Jan 25, 2009   |
| Jan 29, 1949 - Feb 16, 1950 | Yin Earth  | 牛 Ox      | Jan 26, 2009 - Feb 13, 2010  |
| Feb 17, 1950 - Feb 5, 1951  | Yang Metal | 虎 Tiger   | Feb 14, 2010 - Feb 2, 2011   |
| Feb 6, 1951 - Jan 26, 1952  | Yin Metal  | 兔 Rabbit  | Feb 3, 2011 - Jan 22, 2012   |
| Jan 27, 1952 - Feb 13, 1953 | Yang Water | 龍 Dragon  | Jan 23, 2012 - Feb 9, 2013   |
| Feb 14, 1953 - Feb 2, 1954  | Yin Water  | 蛇 Snake   | Feb 10, 2013 - Jan 30, 2014  |
| Feb 3, 1954 - Jan 23, 1955  | Yang Wood  | 馬 Horse   | Jan 31, 2014 - Feb 18, 2015  |
| Jan 24, 1955 - Feb 11, 1956 | Yin Wood   | 羊 Goat    | Feb 19, 2015 - Feb 7, 2016   |
| Feb 12, 1956 - Jan 30, 1957 | Yang Fire  | 猴 Monkey  | Feb 8, 2016 - Jan 27, 2017   |
| Jan 31, 1957 - Feb 17, 1958 | Yin Fire   | 雞 Rooster | Jan 28, 2017 - Feb 18, 2018  |
| Feb 18, 1958 - Feb 7, 1959  | Yang Earth | 狗 Dog     | Feb 19, 2018 - Feb 4, 2019   |
| Feb 8, 1959 - Jan 27, 1960  | Yin Earth  | 猪 Pig     | Feb 5, 2019 - Jan 24, 2020   |
| Jan 28, 1960 - Feb 14, 1961 | Yang Metal | 鼠 Rat     | Jan 25, 2020 - Feb. 11, 2021 |
| Feb 15, 1961 - Feb 4, 1962  | Yin Metal  | 牛 Ox      | Feb 12, 2021 - Jan 31, 2022  |
| Feb 5, 1962 - Jan 24, 1963  | Yang Water | 虎 Tiger   | Feb 1, 2022 - Jan 21, 2023   |
| Jan 25, 1963 - Feb 12, 1964 | Yin Water  | 兔 Rabbit  | Jan 22, 2023 - Feb 9, 2024   |
| Feb 13, 1964 - Feb 1, 1965  | Yang Wood  | 龍 Dragon  | Feb 10, 2024 - Jan 28, 2025  |
| Feb 2, 1965 - Jan 20, 1966  | Yin Wood   | 蛇 Snake   | Jan 29, 2025 - Feb 16, 2026  |
| Jan 21, 1966 - Feb 8, 1967  | Yang Fire  | 馬 Horse   | Feb 17, 2026 - Feb 5, 2027   |
| Feb 9, 1967 - Jan 29, 1968  | Yin Fire   | 羊 Goat    | Feb 6, 2027 - Jan 25, 2028   |
| Jan 30, 1968 - Feb 16, 1969 | Yang Earth | 猴 Monkey  | Jan 26, 2028 - Feb 12, 2029  |
| Feb 17, 1969 - Feb 5, 1970  | Yin Earth  | 雞 Rooster | Feb 13, 2029 - Feb 2, 2030   |
| Feb 6, 1970 - Jan 26, 1971  | Yang Metal | 狗 Dog     | Feb 3, 2030 - Jan 22, 2031   |
| Jan 27, 1971 - Feb 14, 1972 | Yin Metal  | 猪 Pig     | Jan 23, 2031 - Feb 10, 2032  |
| Feb 15, 1972 - Feb 2, 1973  | Yang Water | 鼠 Rat     | Feb 11, 2032 - Jan 30, 2033  |
| Feb 3, 1973 - Jan 22, 1974  | Yin Water  | 牛 Ox      | Jan 31, 2033 - Feb 18, 2034  |
| Jan 23, 1974 - Feb 10, 1975 | Yang Wood  | 虎 Tiger   | Feb 19, 2034 - Feb 7, 2035   |
| Feb 11, 1975 - Jan 30, 1976 | Yin Wood   | 兔 Rabbit  | Feb 8, 2035 - Jan 27, 2036   |
| Jan 31, 1976 - Feb 17, 1977 | Yang Fire  | 龍 Dragon  | Jan 28, 2036 - Feb 14, 2037  |
| Feb 18, 1977 - Feb 6, 1978  | Yin Fire   | 蛇 Snake   | Feb 15, 2037 - Feb 3, 2038   |
| Feb 7, 1978 - Jan 27, 1979  | Yang Earth | 馬 Horse   | Feb 4, 2038 - Jan 23, 2039   |
| Jan 28, 1979 - Feb 15, 1980 | Yin Earth  | 羊 Goat    | Jan 24, 2039 - Feb 11, 2040  |
| Feb 16, 1980 - Feb 4, 1981  | Yang Metal | 猴 Monkey  | Feb 12, 2040 - Jan 31, 2041  |
| Feb 5, 1981 - Jan 24, 1982  | Yin Metal  | 雞 Rooster | Feb 1, 2041 - Jan 21, 2042   |
| Jan 25, 1982 - Feb 12, 1983 | Yang Water | 狗 Dog     | Jan 22, 2042 - Feb 9, 2043   |
| Feb 13, 1983 - Feb 1, 1984  | Yin Water  | 猪 Pig     | Feb 10, 2043 - Jan 29, 2044  |

### *Chinese Zodiac Animal Meanings*

**Below is a precis of their meanings but you can read more here:**

#### [Travel China Guide](#)

1. **Rat** : Fortright, tenacious, intense, meticulous, charismatic, sensitive, intellectual, industrious, charming, eloquent, sociable, artistic, and shrewd. Can be manipulative, vindictive, self-destructive, envious, mendacious, venal, obstinate, critical, over-ambitious, ruthless, intolerant, and scheming.
2. **Ox** : Dependable, ambitious, calm, methodical, born leader, patient, hardworking, conventional, steady, modest, logical, resolute, tenacious. Can be stubborn, dogmatic, hot-tempered, narrow-minded, materialistic, rigid, demanding.
3. **Tiger** : Unpredictable, rebellious, colorful, powerful, passionate, daring, impulsive, vigorous, stimulating, sincere, affectionate, humanitarian, generous. Can be restless, reckless, impatient, quick-tempered, obstinate, selfish, aggressive, moody.
4. **Rabbit** : Gracious, good friend, kind, sensitive, soft-spoken, amiable, elegant, reserved, cautious, artistic, thorough, tender, self-assured, shy, astute, compassionate, lucky, flexible. Can be moody,

detached, superficial, self-indulgent, opportunistic, stubborn.

5. **Dragon** : Magnanimous, stately, vigorous, strong, self-assured, proud, noble, direct, dignified, eccentric, intellectual, fiery, passionate, decisive, pioneering, artistic, generous, loyal. Can be tactless, arrogant, imperious, tyrannical, demanding, intolerant, dogmatic, violent, impetuous, brash.
6. **Snake** : Deep thinker, wise, mystic, graceful, soft-spoken, sensual, creative, prudent, shrewd, elegant, cautious, responsible, calm, strong, constant, purposeful. Can be loner, bad communicator, possessive, hedonistic, self-doubting, distrustful, mendacious, suffocating, cold.
7. **Horse** : Cheerful, popular, quick-witted, changeable, earthy, perceptive, talkative, agile, magnetic, intelligent, astute, flexible, open-minded. Can be fickle, arrogant, childish, anxious, rude, gullible, stubborn.
8. **Sheep/Goat** : Righteous, sincere, sympathetic, mild-mannered, observant, artistic, intellectual, ingenious, innovative, creative, mothering, peaceful, generous. Can be indecisive, over-passive, worrier, pessimistic, sensitive, shy, weak-willed.
9. **Monkey** : Inventor, motivator, improviser, quick-witted, inquisitive, flexible, innovative, problem solver, self-assured, sociable, artistic, polite, dignified, competitive, objective, factual. Can be egotistical, vain, arrogant, selfish, reckless, snobbish, deceptive, manipulative, cunning, jealous, suspicious, stubborn.
10. **Rooster** : Acute, neat, meticulous, organized, self-assured, decisive, conservative, critical, perfectionist, alert, zealous, practical, scientific, responsible. Can be over zealous and critical, puritanical, egotistical, abrasive, proud, opinionated, given to empty bravado.
11. **Dog** : Honest, intelligent, straightforward, loyal, sense of justice and fair play, attractive, amicable, unpretentious, sociable, open-minded, idealistic, moralistic, practical, affectionate, sensitive, easy going. Can be cynical, lazy, cold, judgmental, pessimistic, worrier, stubborn, quarrelsome.
12. **Pig** : Honest, gallant, sturdy, sociable, peace-loving, patient, loyal, hard-working, trusting, sincere, calm, understanding, thoughtful, scrupulous, passionate, intelligent. Can be naïve, over-reliant, self-indulgent, gullible, fatalistic, materialistic.



**And so the year of the Rabbit ends  
and is followed closely on its heels by  
the Water Dragon...**

**...Bring it on!**

