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On Jul 9, 2:30 pm, MicroTech <Henry.KO.Nor...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Does anyone have an explanation to why humans came to evolve ear hair?
As I get older (now 64), I have found that, while thinning out elsewhere, hairs are (somewhat annoying) sprouting in my ears. This is quite common, especially in males.

Now, since this takes place long after the "prime" reproductive years, what could possibly be the natural selection pressure which brings this forth? One could also ask, what good are hairs in the ears, anyway?

Henry Norman

I imagine hairs in the ears is as useful as nipples on males...That's to say, completely useless. I'm stumped on this one. Perhaps it's just left-over from our primate years when hair in the ear could prevent or slow down dirt and bugs, etc, from getting into the vulnerable ear canal. That's all I can think of... :?