

ALL ABOUT ELEPHANTS

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Chapter One

- *Did you know That?* Elephants are the largest land mammals
- *Did you know that?* Wild elephants live in families called herds. Herds are made up of female elephants. *Did you know that* the only males in these herds are the young calves. *Did you know that?* the leader of the herd is usually the oldest female – she is called the Matriarch. *Did you know that?* In the wild, a mother elephant has help with the babies from other elephants – who are known as Aunties. A new mother will choose her aunties and together they will raise the baby. *Did you know that?* A young male elephant stays with the herd until he is about 15 years old. He then leaves and lives alone like most bull elephants. *Did you know that?* Elephants only eat plants, grass and fruit – they don't eat meat. *Did you know that?*
- Elephants love bananas. *Did you know that.* Elephants are so clever they can peel their own bananas, corn and lots of other food. *Did you know that.* Elephants lovewater. *did you know that?* elephants love to swim, bathe and play in rivers.
- A healthy adult elephant can drink up to 60 gallons of water each day – which is the same as about 275 big bottles of coke. To drink, they suck the water up into their trunk and spraying it into their mouths. *did you know?* To drink, they suck the water up into their trunk and spraying it into their mouths. *did you know that* They love squirting themselves and people with water using their trunk like a shower
- The elephant's trunk is one of nature most amazing creations. *Did you know that?* An elephant can pick up a coin with his trunk – he can also pick up a tree trunk.
- The Asian elephant has one finger on the end of the trunk the African has two. *Did you know that.* The trunk is very sensitive and elephants are very careful and protective of them
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also. Elephants are very emotional – they cry when they are upset and squeak and trumpet when they are happy
- Elephants are the only animals other than humans to grieve for the dead.
- did you know? Elephants have very good memories
- Elephants are scared of dogs.*Did you know? Elephants are so clever they even play jokes on humans
- Domesticated elephants form a lifelong bond with their mahout

Thank you for reading this good bye.

I hope you had fun