

## The Most Intelligent Animal—Dolphin

When we watch the animal show at the zoo, probably it is the one in the aquarium that impresses us the most. Among those sea creatures, we can often see a huge but smooth body with gray back and white belly jump out of the water to hit a ball or leap through a fire circle. Though it may appear to be a simple creature, dolphins are said to be the most intelligent animal.

I believe most of us are informed that chimpanzees or apes are the most intelligent animals next to human beings, but recent research may prove that dolphins are the real wise “men” in nature. The first evidence of its intelligence is the advanced brain. Being separated into two parts, its brain weighing 1600—1800 grams is 1.7% of the total weight of an adult dolphin; while a human beings’ brain weighs around 1400 grams, which is 2.1% of an adult total weight. This shows that a dolphin’s brain is more developed than a chimpanzee’s.

Secondly, its learning ability is advanced. For example, a monkey must be taught 100 times to learn some complicated skills while a dolphin needs only 20 lessons. Maybe, that’s the reason why we can often see dolphin shows at the zoo because they are quick learners and imitators.

Finally, dolphins also have some unique abilities in the animal world. For example, it can sleep while swimming in the sea with one eye open and the other closed. If we can acquire this skill, there is no need to worry about missing a stop when sleeping on the bus. Another interesting ability is their special ultrasonic “language”— which is an amazing and accurate vehicle of communication and can reach other dolphins as far as several kilometers.

All in all, the advanced brain, high-level learning ability and other unique abilities of dolphins illustrate their high intelligence which can be said to be only second to human kind. Therefore, we can say dolphins are most intelligent friend of people.