

# Thanksgiving Day with Beluga Whales

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## BELUGA WHALES *Thanksgiving Day*

There is one animal that values their ancestral roots and values, and stays in touch with all their extended family members. It is the Beluga Whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*). They go to the same location every year, travelling over 3,730 miles (6,000 km), decade after decade to meet their family members.



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### IT'S A PARTY!

Their annual reunion is an 'Underwater Chatterbox' where they engage in vocal communications with mimicry skills

### TAKE CARE, CHILD

They pass information to the next generation about places which are safe to go to and warn against risky areas

### BEWARE!

They inform the younger ones that polar bears and killer whales are their predators



### FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT BELUGA WHALES



#### MAKE WAY!

Beluga Whales can swim backwards

#### THE WHALE'S GOTTA EAT, NOT CHEW

Beluga Whales are toothed whales, but they never chew their food

#### A SPECIAL APPEARANCE

Beluga Whales are an endangered species because they have babies only once in three years



#### SAY MY NAME

The word 'Beluga' comes from the Russian word for 'White'

#### CANARIES OF THE SEA

They are very vocal communicators and their language is made of clicks, whistles and clangs

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