

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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