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INTELLIGENT ANIMALS
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Chimpanzees

- **Chimpanzees are one of four types of “great ape.”** The great apes are; chimpanzees, bonobos, gorillas, and orangutans.
- **Wild chimpanzees only live in Africa.**
- **Humans and chimpanzees share 95 to 98 percent of the same DNA.** Biologically, chimpanzees are more closely related to humans than they are to gorillas.
- **Chimpanzees and other species, including some types of birds, make and use tools.** For a long time, scientists thought human beings were the only ones who made tools.
- **Chimpanzees use more tools for more purposes than any other creatures except humans.**
- **In captivity, chimpanzees can be taught human languages such as ASL (American Sign Language).** A female chimp named Washoe knew more than 240 signs.





Squirrels

Squirrels are extremely intelligent creatures. They are known to **put on elaborate fake food burying displays to deceive onlookers**. The fake burials are to trick potential thieves, such as other squirrels or birds, into thinking that they have stored their food stock there.



Parrots

If you haven't already witnessed it, know that parrots are one of the most intelligent birds out there. They are capable of associating words with objects and situations and can even use tools and solve problems. Some scientists argue that they have the IQ equivalent to that of a four-year-old.



Dolphins

They are as smart as apes, and the evolution of their larger brains is surprisingly like humans. In fact, they are said to be the second-most intelligent mammals after humans. Dolphins can recognize themselves in a mirror and call each other unique names.



Labrador Dogs

Labradors in general are considered smart dogs, ranking in at seventh place for the brightest dog breed in the world. The black Lab has a long history as a hunting companion, with many generations selectively bred for their working genes. So, they possess an instinct and intelligence that is desired by hunters.



Octopuses

Octopuses have demonstrated intelligence in several ways. They are smart creatures. 'In experiments they've solved mazes and completed tricky tasks to get food rewards. They're also adept at getting themselves in and out of containers.



Elephant

- THEY CAN IDENTIFY LANGUAGES. ...
- THEY CAN USE TOOLS.
- THEY UNDERSTAND HUMAN BODY LANGUAGE. ...
- THEY SHOW EMPATHY.
- THEY MOURN THEIR DEAD.
- THEY MIMIC HUMAN VOICES.
- THEY HAVE EXTRAORDINARY MEMORIES.



Whales

Like dolphins, whales are excellent communicators, and they show high levels of emotional and social intelligence. They also have very large brains. Whale and dolphin brains contain specialized brain cells called spindle neurons. These are associated with advanced abilities such as recognizing, remembering, reasoning, communicating, perceiving, adapting to change, problem-solving and understanding. So, it seems they are deep thinkers!