

The Incredible Killer Whale

What's so amazing about the orca whale? Just about everything. They belong to the dolphin family. They are thought of as one of the world's most deadly creatures. Orcas love to capture sea lions, seals, and whales to eat. They hunt in groups called pods. Each pod can have up to 40 family members. Pods use different ways to hunt. Some people compare the hunting methods to those of a wolf pack.

The orca whale likes to travel. This species of whale can be found from the polar regions all the way to the warmer waters near the equator. Orcas talk to each other using different sounds that travel well under the water. Mothers are protective of their young. They do allow other members of the pod to help take care of them. A female orca gives birth every three years after a seventeen-month-long pregnancy.

The beautiful black and white coloring makes these creatures easy to recognize. They are very smart and can be trained by humans to perform tricks in special shows.

Orcas have never been overly hunted by humans. They are generally left alone unless wounded and in need of care to help them readjust to marine life.