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The Bottlenose Dolphin



The bottlenose dolphin is one of the smartest marine mammals. Many people think that the dolphin is a fish, but they are actually mammals. In order for an animal to be a "mammal", it must be warm-blooded, have hair on its skin, and the female must produce milk for its young.

The bottlenose dolphin gets its name from its bottle-shaped snout. Bottlenose dolphins usually weigh between 400 and 600 pounds and grow to be about 10 feet long. The lifespan of a dolphin can be 30 to 50 years of age. The bottlenose dolphin likes to eat other fish, octopus, and squid.

This animal likes to have fun just like we do! Bottlenose dolphins love to play in the warm tropical waters and usually stay with a group of other dolphins. If these dolphins need to defend themselves from their predator, they will give off a high-pitched sound; "Click, Click, Click!"

The bottlenose dolphin is an amazing animal. What do you like about the bottlenose dolphin?

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 - B) Smartest
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 - D) Warmest

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 - A) They have hair on their skin
 - B) They are cold-blooded
 - C) They are warm-blooded
 - D) The female produces milk for its young

3. In the sentence, “The bottlenose dolphin gets its name from its bottle-shaped snout”, what does the word **snout** mean?
 - A) Tail
 - B) Fin
 - C) Head
 - D) Nose

4. About how long can a bottlenose dolphin live?
 - A) 10 years
 - B) 400 years
 - C) 40 years
 - D) 50 days

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 - B) Fish Food
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