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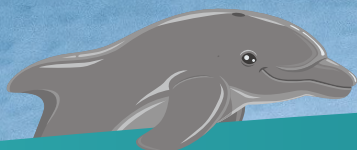
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ALL ABOUT AIHE

Dolphins are absolutely incredible. They are known for their playful personalities, high intelligence and the distinctive noises they make.

“YOU CANNOT GET THROUGH A SINGLE DAY WITHOUT HAVING AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD AROUND YOU. WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE, AND YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF DIFFERENCE YOU WANT TO MAKE.”

JANE GOODALL

PRIMATOLOGIST & ANTHROPOLOGIST



DOLPHINS ARE NOT FISH, THEY ARE MAMMALS.

This means they need to come up to the surface to breathe air, rather than filtering oxygen through gills underwater. Whales, porpoises and seals are also marine mammals.

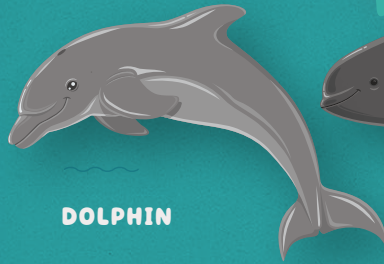
UNBELIEVABLE!

Scientists have observed dolphins in Australian waters using sea sponges to cover their beaks when looking for food on the sharp seafloor. These dolphins also trap prey in large shells which they carry to the surface of the water and shake the contents into their mouths.

DOLPHIN OR PORPOISE?

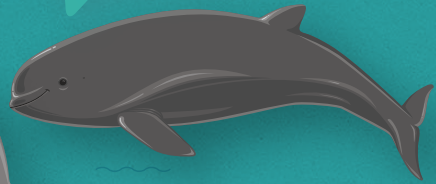
Although they may look similar at a glance, there are some key differences between the two species.

"I'M UNIQUE
ON PORPOISE!"



DOLPHIN

- 1 Curved fins
- 2 Pronounced nose or beak
- 3 Sleek and long



PORPOISE

- 1 Triangular fins
- 2 No pronounced nose or beak
- 3 Shorter and fuller

Although it is common to see dolphins in New Zealand if you know where to look, porpoise sightings are rare, as they prefer to live in the open ocean.

**DID YOU
KNOW...**

The Māui dolphin is the world's smallest dolphin and one of the rarest in the world. They can only be found on the West Coast of the North Island.

DOLPHINS IN NEW ZEALAND

WHERE DO MOST DOLPHINS LIVE?

FIN-LAND!

All jokes aside, there are 40 species of dolphins found all over the world, nine species right here in the coasts around Aotearoa.

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DOLPHIN DILEMMAS

Human activity is the main threat to dolphins in the wild and the reason why many species are in trouble or endangered.

THREATS TO DOLPHINS INCLUDE:



DOLPHINS IN CAPTIVITY

There are nearly 3,000 dolphins in captivity around the world today. Captive dolphins are typically forced to live their lives in tanks that are too small and lack stimulation. Dolphins are made to do tricks and interact with humans on demand. This is no life for highly intelligent animals who in the wild can travel hundreds of kilometres in a day.

Commercial fishing

Not only does commercial fishing disrupt food chains in the oceans, but dolphins can also get caught and killed in fishing nets.

Pollution

Dolphins can also get caught in or eat plastic rubbish that has made its way to the ocean. Untreated waste and sewage can run off into the ocean from cities and farms, and can also threaten dolphins.

MARINELAND: AOTEAROA'S HISTORY

Marineland was a park in Napier that kept sea animals, including two dolphins named Kelly and Shona. SAFE worked hard to spread the word about the problems for these animals who live in captivity. Many people attended protests outside the park. Marineland closed in 2008 when Shona died. She was the last captive dolphin in New Zealand.

Boats

Studies show that boats can disrupt dolphins' behaviours, including their ability to rest, breed and feed. This can also occur because of marine construction and drilling.

Climate emergency

Rising ocean temperatures affect almost all creatures that call the sea their homes by disrupting food chains.



ANIMATRONICS: A KINDER FUTURE

Melanie Langlotz, a New Zealand entrepreneur, has helped to build the world's first life-sized robot dolphin. They can swim just like a real dolphin and may be the kind alternative to dolphins in captivity that the world needs.





SAVE THE SEA

Here are some things you can do to help protect dolphins and other sea life.

KEEP OUR WATERS CLEAN

What a mess! Each year billions of tonnes of rubbish enter the sea. Marine life can eat this rubbish or get caught up in it and starve. Organise a beach or river clean to help save the lives of animals who call the ocean their home.

Head to our action kit for instructions!

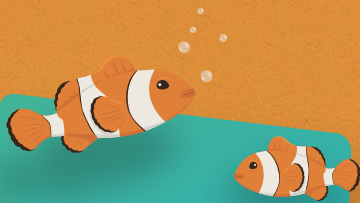
CONSIDER SAYING 'NO' TO EATING AND FISHING FOR SEA LIFE

When we eat sea life, we are telling commercial fishing companies that what they are doing is okay. Leave fish and sea life in the ocean where they belong.

Did you know we have heaps of fish-free recipes on our website? Check them out now!

SAY 'NO' TO DOLPHINS IN CAPTIVITY

If you are visiting another country, think twice about visiting a marine park. Find a shoreline where dolphins are easily spotted instead, like along the many coastlines of Aotearoa. You can see happy dolphins in their natural habitat. How cool is that?



FISHY FEELINGS

Like dolphins, many other sea creatures are sentient beings. This means that they have thoughts and feelings. Think about it, you wouldn't eat a dolphin or a whale, so why is it okay to eat fishes and other sea life?



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KIND FOOD

FISH-FREE CAKES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Tbsp ground flaxseed
- 2 Tbsp water
- 2 tins of chickpeas, drained and mashed
- 1 chopped red onion
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- Juice from 1 lemon
- 2 tsp paprika
- 2 tsp dried dill
- 1 tsp mixed herbs
- Salt and pepper
- 2 sheets of nori



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Turn on the oven to 180°C fan bake and line a tray with baking paper.
- 2 Mix the flaxseed and water in a large bowl. Let it sit for a couple of minutes.
- 3 Add the rest of the ingredients. You can rip and scrunch the nori over the bowl so it becomes small flakes.
- 4 Use your hands to mix everything well and shape into six patties.
- 5 Place them on your baking tray and bake for 30 minutes.
- 6 Serve with your favourite sauce – we have heaps of sauce recipes on our website.





MELITA'S POSTER ABOUT GREYHOUNDS

ANIMAL SQUAD *profile*

MELITA (10)

Favourite Animal? Cats.

Favourite vegetarian food?
Cucumbers and pizza.

What got you interested in helping animals? I love all animals. I am going to be a vet so I can help sick and injured animals. My cat Ninja was in a fight with my neighbour's cat and had very bad scabs. We took him to the vet and I helped heal him with pills and dressings.

Melita has done lots of wonderful work for animals including baking with kind ingredients, writing letters and creating posters. Keep up the amazing work, Melita!

Want to feature in an upcoming newsletter? Head to our website for more info!

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PICROSS PUZZLE

HOW TO:

- The boxes need to be coloured or left blank according to the numbers on the grid
- Each number means an unbroken line of coloured boxes
- AT LEAST one empty box separates every unbroken line of coloured boxes and numbers are ordered from left to right or top to bottom

Check out this grid for an example!



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DOLPHIN

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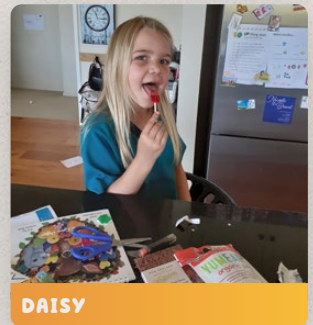
ANIMAL SQUAD PRIZE PACKS

Check out some of our members who
have won recent competitions!



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COMPETITIONS
EACH YEAR.

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