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Elephant Safari Cyberhunt

Visit the Web sites listed below to find fun facts and photos of Asian and African Elephants.

1. Do elephants drink water with their trunks?

http://elephant.elehost.com/About_Elephants/about_elephants.htm

2. How many muscles and tendons are in an elephant's trunk?

<http://www.himandus.net/elephanteria/library/elefacts/elefacts.html>

3. What do elephants eat?

<http://www.bornfree.org.uk/elefriends/elefacts.htm>

4. How do elephants get water during the dry season? How do elephants help other animals?

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/critters/elephant.html>

5. How do elephants communicate over long distances?

<http://www.fieldtripearth.org>

6. How big are baby elephants when they are first born?

<http://www.fieldtripearth.org>

7. How many elephants are left on Earth?

http://www.elephant.se/elephant_faq.php

8. What are three places named after elephants?

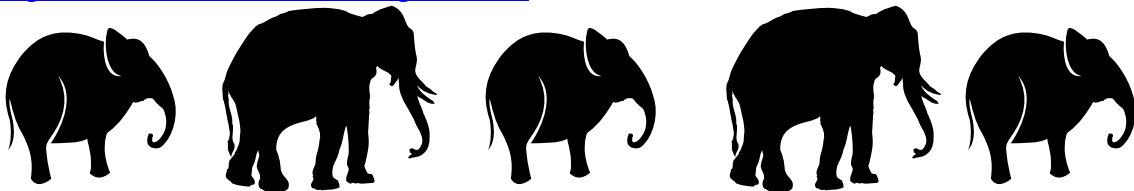
<http://dcn.davis.ca.us/vme/DrSue/elephant.html>

9. How much weight can an elephant lift?

http://www.elephant.se/elephant_faq.php

10. When is Elephant Appreciation Day celebrated?

<http://www.surfnetkids.com/elephant.htm>



Answers to the Elephant Safari Cyberhunt

1. Elephants don't drink with their trunks, but use them as "tools" to drink with. This is accomplished by filling the trunk with water and then using it as a hose to pour it into the elephant's mouth.
2. 40,000 muscles and tendons
3. They feed on grass, leaves, twigs, bark and even cultivated crops such as bananas and sugar cane.
4. Elephants will dig holes to find underground springs, drawing as much as two gallons at a time with their trunks. While these open wells provide water for thirsty elephants, other wildlife also depend on them for survival. After elephants leave an area, smaller creatures rush to the watering holes dug by elephants.
5. Elephants use several types of sounds to communicate. Rumbling, a deep growling sound, mostly below the range of human hearing, can travel for miles. A variety of screams and trumpets are used to frighten and intimidate rivals or predators as well as communicate alarm. Trumpeting is also used as a greeting call.
6. Newborn elephants can weigh an incredible 77-113 kg.
7. There are about 600,000 African elephants, and between 35 and 40,000 Asian elephants. (Approximately 20% are in captivity)
8. Any three of the following:
Elephant Butte, New Mexico, Elephant Butte Reservoir, New Mexico,
Elephant Fork, Virginia, Elephant Island, Antarctica,
Elephant Jason (Island), Falkland Islands, Falkland,
Elephant Mountain, Texas, Elephant Pass, Sri Lanka
Elephant Point, Alaska or Elephant Range, Kampuchea.
9. With their trunk, about 200-400 kgs, depending on size of the elephant.
10. September 22.

For more information, refer to the "Pondering Pachyderms" article in the Resource section of this manual