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Does the MLB Need A Salary Cap?



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This off-season, a question was brought up after the Dodgers spent almost \$500 million for just one year of an all-star filled team, with a \$109 million-dollar luxury tax and that's only going to go up each year.

"Does baseball need a salary cap?" With owners of MLB teams getting more and more money as the years go on, it makes it easier for teams that have rich owners to make a team that is pretty much unbeatable, which is not fair to the teams like the Tampa Bay Rays whose highest payroll is actually the New York Yankees because they are currently using the Yankees spring training stadium as the Rays stadium roof was torn up during a hurricane.

Although this would be a huge change to the MLB, it might be necessary to keep fairness within the league. The league has tried to limit teams' spending by putting in a luxury tax, which makes you pay more once you spend more than your soft salary cap. So far, for example, the Mets signed Juan Soto to a \$765 million deal that cost them more like \$800 million with luxury tax. But luxury tax does not do much because of how much owners of teams have to spend.

If baseball had a salary cap, it would be better for the game, but at the same time, it could steer away from owners' rights to spend money to make an all-star team. Do you think baseball needs a salary cap?



With the arrival of spring, it's a good idea to check your locker. After all, nothing says "end of year coming" like a good spring locker cleaning!

PS: Can you guess whose locker this is?

Why the Giants Are the Best Franchise of All Time



By Jacob DiPasuale
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The Giants, founded in 1925, are the best team in the NFL.

To start off with, the Giants retired some of the best football players to ever play. LT (Lawrence Taylor) will forever be the best defensive player of all time.

The Giants are the reason why the game is so competitive. If the Giants were never invented, then the NFL would never have been turned into what it is today.

Fun fact: the Giants are the only team to beat Tom Brady twice in the Super Bowl.

Also, 32 Hall of Famers have played for the franchise, leading to consistent championships, and legends being made. The Giants are the most successful team.

The Giants have Four NFC Championship Titles. The giants have a top five defenses of all time with some of the most successful coaches.

Some of the best players to ever play in the league played on the Giants, including Tiki Barger, Michael Strahan, and Eli Manning.

These are just some of the greats.

Now you know who's really the best,

Go Giants!!!



Ice Bucket Challenges for Two Great Causes



**By Michaela Gallo
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Have you seen the ice bucket challenge going around recently? Maybe you even participated in it.

You are probably familiar with the USC Speak Your Mind ice bucket challenge that's trending on social media to raise money for mental health and suicide awareness. This ice bucket challenge started in late March this year.

But there is another ice bucket challenge, too. The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge was the original one and started in 2014 to raise money for a disease called ALS. Although it is fun to participate in trends like this, it is also important that we know why we are doing these things in the first place. Here is some stuff I learned about the two different causes.

More about USC Speak Your Mind

This ice bucket challenge started at the University of South Carolina to advocate for suicide prevention on campus. A core focus is supporting those at risk and promoting resources for students in crisis. People who participate in this challenge are encouraged to donate to charities like Active Minds to support services and improve mental health outcomes.

To participate, individuals record themselves having ice water dumped over their heads, share a thought or feeling they've been holding inside, and then nominate two to five others to do the same. I think this challenge is good for teens to show that it is okay to reach out to people for help if you're struggling and that caring for mental health is as important as taking care of your physical health.

The campaign has raised significant funds for mental health programs—over \$24,000 was reported in the first two weeks, and totals passed \$30,000 after.

More about ALS

ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) is a disease that progressively affects nerve cells in your brain and spinal cord for muscle movement. This disease gets worse over time and there is no cure. There are two types of ALS. The most common type is Sporadic ALS (about 90%) meaning it occurs randomly and is not connected to family history. The second type is Familial ALS, which is passed on genetically from your family (about 10%).

ALS has been around since its earliest diagnosis in the 1800's. The diagnosis of Lou Gehrig, a former baseball player for the New York Yankees

in 1939, brought widespread public attention to ALS, especially in the United States, where it became commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's disease."

How long can you live with ALS? The truth is that everyone's experience is different with ALS. Lou Gehrig: Baseball Player. He died within two years of diagnosis. Stephen Hawking: Scientist. had lived over 50 years with ALS.

Another fact: You might know this actor, Eric Dane, from a popular show called "Greys Anatomy". He was recently diagnosed with ALS.

How does ALS affect your everyday life? Early on, ALS may cause tripping, difficulty walking, or trouble with balance. As weakness spreads, standing, walking, and transferring in and out of bed or chairs becomes increasingly difficult, often requiring mobility aids like canes, walkers, or wheelchairs.

Tasks that require fine motor skills—such as buttoning clothes, writing, eating, or using electronic devices—become challenging due to weakness in the hands and arms. As the disease progresses, you can lose almost all muscle control in your bones.

Where to donate: Most people who give to this cause donate to The ALS Association or the Les Turner ALS Foundation for research and services to care for people suffering from the disease.

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Walruses Have Huge Appetites



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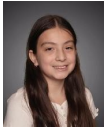
Walruses are highly social animals, often congregating in large groups called herds. They are primarily bottom feeders, using their tusks and sensitive whiskers to unearth clams, crustaceans, and other invertebrates.



While not currently endangered, walruses face threats from climate change, habitat loss, and human activities. Sea ice decline due to global warming significantly impacts their breeding and feeding grounds, necessitating conservation efforts to protect these magnificent creatures. Their diet primarily consists of benthic invertebrates, meaning creatures that live on or near the ocean floor.

Using their sensitive whiskers to detect prey buried in the sediment, they use their powerful tusks to dig and unearth clams, snails, crustaceans, and worms. A single walrus can consume hundreds of clams in a day!

Flipper was a Spinner Dolphin



By Allison Posadas
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Spinner dolphins are renowned for their acrobatic displays, earning their name from their remarkable ability to spin rapidly while leaping from the water.

These highly social marine mammals are found in tropical and subtropical oceans worldwide, inhabiting both offshore and nearshore waters.

Spinner dolphins possess slender bodies with elongated rostrums. Their coloration varies geographically, but generally features a dark grey back, lighter gray sides, and a pale belly. They are highly gregarious animals, forming large pods that can number in hundreds or even thousands. These pods engage in coordinated movements and complex social interactions, often exhibiting lawful behavior such as riding bow waves of boats.



Their diet primarily consists of small fish and squid, which they hunt using echolocation, a sophisticated biological sonar system. Spinner dolphins adapt to diverse habitats, including coastal waters, reefs, and open ocean environments. They demonstrate a preference for areas with high prey density and often exhibit site fidelity, returning to specific foraging grounds.

Megalodon was a Major Sized Predator

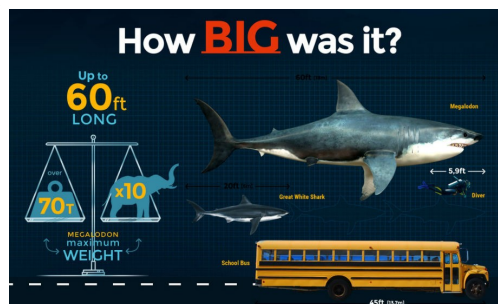


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The megalodon, meaning "big tooth," was a massive extinct shark that ruled the oceans million of year ago. Imagine a shark so large it could swallow a car wheel! Fossil evidence shows it was a fearsome predator, the apex of its marine ecosystem.

Megalodon was truly gigantic. Scientists estimate it grew up to 60 feet long, about the size of a school bus! Its powerful jaws were filled with teeth the size of bananas, perfect for crushing bones and tearing flesh. It has streamlined body making it as

fast and efficient swimmer.



This enormous shark was a top predator meaning it sat at the top of the food chain. Its prey probably consisted of large marine mammals like whales, dolphins, and seals. Scientists believe it use its powerful bite and sharp teeth to hunt, and kill its prey, dominating the oceans environment.

Being extinct for millions of years, megalodon continues to captivate our imaginations. Its enormous size and power make it a legendary creature of the deep. Scientists continue to study megalodon fossils, learning more about this incredible animal and its place in history.

'Watt's' Up about Electricity?



**By Allison Posadas
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Electricity is an invisible force that powers our world. It's all around us, from the lights in our homes to the screens we use every day. But what exactly is electricity? Simply put, it's the flow of tiny particles called electrons. These electrons are constantly moving, and when they flow in a controlled way, that's what we call "electric current". Think of it like water flowing through a pipe. The pipe is like a wire, and the water is like the electrons. The faster the water flows, the stronger the current.



Similarly, the more electrons flowing through a wire, the stronger the electric current.

This current can be used to do work, such as powering a light bulb or running a motor. Electricity is generated in many ways. Power plants, for example, use different sources like coal, natural gas, or nuclear energy to heat water and create steam, which spins turbines connected to generators. These generators create the electric current that flows through power lines to our homes and businesses. Other sources, such as solar panels and wind turbines, harness renewable energy from the sun and wind to produce electricity.

A Quinceañera Provides A Lifetime Of Memories



**By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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What is a Quinceañera? you may be asking. Well, a Quinceañera is like a sweet sixteen but it is a Latin American celebration where a Latin American girl turns into a young woman. It can also be known as a change from "girlhood" to "womanhood".

"Quinceañera" has the Latin root "quince", which means "fifteen" in Spanish. This event is particularly celebrated in Mexico but can be celebrated in any place in the world.

Many people can celebrate this day even if you're not Latin American! This celebration is usually followed with a religious mass, then the after party, which can get crazy, like very crazy. There are dances that the court of the Quinceañera has been practicing for a couple of months to prepare for the special day. My favorite part of the after party is always the "Suprise dance".

There is delicious food and sometimes even a chocolate fountain. People get really dressed up for this and they get ready to party. The appropriate clothes for the Quinceañera include a big gown which can be very heavy. By the time the party is over everyone is really tired. So, some advice I would give is, be pre-



The Wonderful World Of Whales



**By Allison Posadas
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Whales are amazing animals! They live in the ocean and come in many different kinds. Some are really, really big, like the Blue whale, which is the biggest animal on Earth. Others are smaller, like dolphins, which are also a type of whale.

Big whales are called Baleen whales. They eat small and tiny animals like krill. They have special plates in their mouths called baleen that act like filters, letting them scoop up tons of food and then strain out the water. Whales are super smart. They use sounds to talk to each other and to be able to find their way around, even in dark water.



These sounds can be songs, clicks or whistles. Humpback whale songs are especially long and complex, and scientists are still figuring out exactly what they mean.

Whales also need to breathe out air just like us! They have to come up to the surface to breathe. They have special blowholes on top of their heads to do this. Sadly whales face many problems. Pollution in the ocean can make them sick. Did you know that!? Getting tangled in fishing nets is also really dangerous for the whales. Fortunately, a lot of people are trying to help these whales!

Here Are Some Ways to Lift Your Spirits



By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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Have you ever been bored or have you been feeling down? Well, I have some things to make you feel happy and to boost up your energy!! Here is a list of things you can do!

1. You can explore your town/neighborhood. How does this help you to boost energy or to not be bored? Well, it relaxes you with a big fresh woosh of air.
2. Which leads me to the next thing: running and walking. Going for a run or a walk can help you with stress. Running and walking can help with relaxation by releasing endorphins, improving mood, reducing stress, and promoting



better sleep, all of which contribute to a sense of calm and well-being. Which is a fact!

3. Next thing—you can connect with friends and organize a hangout at a local park or go shopping.
4. You can journal about your thoughts. You can write about some goals you would like to accomplish!
5. You can clean your room. To help you with cleaning your room, you can listen to music! That helps me a lot! (Trust me).
6. Some things to boost up your energy are: exercising, which goes with running and walking or even Pilates or yoga. You can even just dance in your room. Or do an activity that you love doing.

Kindness Goes a Long Way



By Allison Posadas
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Kindness, a simple act, possesses the power to transform lives and reshape the world. It's not merely a fleeting emotion but a conscious choice, a commitment to empathy and compassion that reverberates far beyond the initial interaction. This essay will explore the multifaceted nature of kindness, its profound impact on individuals and society, and the importance of cultivating this vital human trait.



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The benefits of kindness are not confined to its recipients. Acts of kindness, whether large or small, trigger the release of endorphins, creating a positive feedback loop that enhances our own well-being.

Studies show that kind individuals experience lower stress levels, improved mental health, and greater overall life satisfaction. The very act of giving fosters a sense of purpose and connection, combating feelings of isolation and loneliness. Practicing kindness strengthens our self-esteem and fosters a more positive self image. Kindness serves as the bedrock of strong relationships.

'Shell-a-brate' Marine Biology



By Allison Posadas
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Have you ever wondered what marine biology is? Well, I'm going to teach you all about it! I'm talking about this topic because it's one of my dream jobs! Keep on reading to find out what marine biologists do and what marine biology is.

What do marine biologists do? Well marine biologists explore how ocean life works. This includes identifying and classifying different species, like giving each creature a name and figuring out how it's related to other creatures. They also must understand animal behavior like for example why do dolphins swim in pods?

How do sea turtles navigate? They must study ocean ecosystems, meaning how do all the plants and animals in a specific area interact? What are the food webs? (Who eats who) Last thing for now—they must know the different areas of the ocean because there is a lot of specialties.



Examples include fishery science. Fishery science is when you study for fish Populations and how to manage fishing sustainably. There is also Mammalogy which is when you focus on marine mammals like whales, dolphins and seals (maybe that's why it's called Mammalogy). There is a lot more different areas then just those two, but this essay would be too long!

I hope you learned a lot. The next few stories will be about marine animals so keep waiting!

Many Benefits to Eating Fruit



By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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Have you ever wondered what certain fruits are good for? Well, I have and I did some research so now let me tell you what some fruits are good for.

- Number 1: **GRAPES**. Grapes are good for hair growth. For example, if you want really long hair or just want hair, eat grapes, because grapes contain natural sugars that provide a quick source of energy. Grapes contain proanthocyanidins, which stimulate



hair follicles and promote hair growth. Grapes provide vitamin E and linoleic acid that strengthen hair follicles and reduce hair fall. **Green grapes** contain vitamins C and E, which are important for healthy hair growth.

- Next are ... **APPLES**. Apples are good for white teeth. Apples can help whiten teeth naturally because their crunchy texture scrubs away plaque and food debris, and their high water content stimulates saliva production, which helps wash away bacteria and stains.
- The next fruit is **BLUEBERRIES**, which are good to grow taller.
I hope this helps!

Looking for Something to Do? Try These Experiments



By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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Have you ever been bored and just want to do a cool experiment? Well, trust me, I've been there too! Well, here I come to save your day so that you're not bored anymore, with lots of cool experiments for you to do!

- Number 1: you can do **Insect Hotels**. Build a habitat for insects and learn about zoology. Now this may seem boring old science, but trust me, once you start, you will want to do one insect hotel every day!
- The next thing, **DIY Lava Lamp**. Mix oil, water, and food coloring and watch the chemical



reactions. This can be fun and messy, but trust me, this is fun! You just have to be prepared to clean.

- **NEXT: Magnetic Slime**. Make slime with iron filings and play with magnets. Now science is really calling you here, you could learn a thing or two.
- The next thing is **Baking Soda Volcanoes**. Create a classic eruption with vinegar and baking soda. This is my favorite one, though it's probably not the cleanest, but we can deal with the messiness after. The fun does come before the boredom!

Bears are Highly Adaptable



By Allison Posadas
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Bears, majestic and powerful creatures, occupy a significant place in both the natural world and human imagination. Their presence evokes a potent mix of awe, fear, and respect.

My opinion about bears is, I think they are cute but maybe a bit scary at the same time. I mean you never know? From the smallest sun



bear to the gargantuan polar bear, these diverse mammals exhibit remarkable adaptations that allow them to thrive in a wide range of habitats, from dense forest to icy arctic landscapes.

One of the most striking aspects of bears is their remarkable

adaptability. While each species possesses unique characteristics, they share several key traits. Their robust bodies, equipped with powerful claws and teeth, are perfectly suited for their omnivorous diet. This dietary flexibility allows them to explore a variety of food sources, from berries and insects to fish and larger mammals, depending on the species and the availability of resources in their environment.

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Lemon Sharks are Important for Our Oceans



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Lemon sharks are a type of requiem shark found in shallow waters of the Atlantic Ocean. They're named for their yellowish-brown color.

Lemon sharks are predators, meaning they hunt other animals for food. They eat a variety of sea food, including fish, crustaceans (like crabs and shrimp), and even smaller sharks. They have excellent smell and electroreception. They can detect the electrical fields produced by other animals which help them find prey.



Lemon sharks are relatively small compared to some other sharks, usually growing to around 6-10 feet long. Scientists study lemon sharks to learn more about shark behavior, ocean ecosystems, and the effects of human activity on marine life. They are considered an important part of their environments food web.

Lemon sharks are fascinating creatures playing a vital role in their ocean ecosystems.

Their unique hunting abilities, relatively small size, and importance to the food web make them a key subject of scientific study, helping us understand shark behavior and the health of our oceans.

Versatile Starfish Threatened by Pollution



**By Allison Posadas
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Starfish, or the sea stars, aren't actually fish at all!

They're echinoderms, a group of spiny-skinned ocean animals. They have a central disc and usually five arms, though some species have more. These arms are covered in tube feet, tiny suction cups that help them move and grip surfaces. Starfish are found in oceans all over the world, living on the seabed in various habitats, from rocky shores to deep sea trenches. They're carnivores, meaning they eat meat.



Many starfish feed on clams, mussels and other shellfish by prying them open with their strong arms and everting their stomach to digest their prey outside their bodies! Amazing right? They also play an important role in their ecosystem, helping control populations of other sea creatures.

Starfish have incredible regenerative abilities. If a predator bites off an arm, it can often grow back! Sometimes, a lost arm can even grow into a whole new starfish, they also have amazing camouflage abilities blend in with their environment

Sadly, some starfish populations are threatened by pollution and habitat destruction. Scientists are working to protect these fascinating creatures and their ocean homes.

Lesser Known Facts About 'King of Pop' Michael Jackson



**By Elizabeth Alonzo
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Michael Jackson is our topic for today's story. So, grab some popcorn (without burning it), and sit on your couch. And enjoy.

Born on August 29, 1958, in Gary, Indiana, Michael Jackson was the eighth of ten children (one died shortly after birth) to Joseph (Joe) and Katherine Jackson. Before he died on June 25, 2009, Jackson was preparing to launch a concert tour called *This Is It*.

The nine Jackson siblings are Reggie, Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, La Toya, Marlon, Brandon (who



died shortly after birth), Michael, Randy, and Janet, Rebbie Jackson: (born 1950), Jackie Jackson: (born 1951), Tito Jackson: (1953-2024), Jermaine Jackson: (born 1954), La Toya Jackson: (born 1956), Marlon Jackson: (born 1957), Brandon Jackson: (born and died 1957), Michael Jackson: (1958-2009), Randy Jackson: (born 1961), Janet Jackson: (born 1966).

In the final moments before his death on June 25, 2009, Michael Jackson repeatedly asked for "milk", a nickname he used for the anesthetic propofol, which he was using because he was struggling to fall asleep with.

It Would Be Really Tough to Saddle a Seahorse



**By Allison Posadas
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Today I am going to be talking about seahorse! Personally, I love seahorses. They are cute and colorful! Well besides that, let's start talking about seahorses!

Seahorses are usually 0.18-14 inches (not what I expected) long.

Where seahorses are found: Seahorses are typically found in seagrass beds, mangrove roots, and coral reefs in shallow temperate waters.

What they eat: seahorses or hippocampus, eat small crustaceans like amphipods and other



invertebrates. Adult seahorses eat 30-50 times a day if possible. Wow, crazy!

Next up here are some **random facts about seahorses!**

- Seahorses are the slowest fish (I personally don't believe that!)
- Seahorse can camouflage themselves to hide from predators.
- Did you know there are over 40 species of seahorse in all sizes and colors :D
- Seahorses don't have stomachs.
- Makes seahorse get pregnant. (I was shocked!)

- Keeping seahorse as pets is expensive!

That's it for today I hope you learned a lot and shocking things! If you want more facts then I gladly will do that!

Nothing 'Puffy' About Pufferfish



**By Allison Posadas
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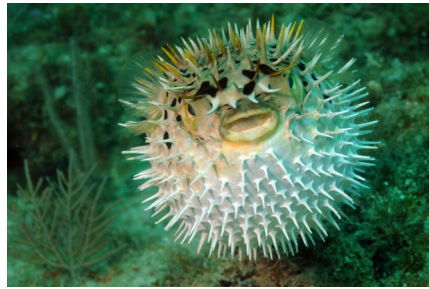
We are going to talk all about pufferfish today! Because my dream job is to be a marine biologist, I'm talking about everything about marine animals and today is pufferfish!

Fun fact to start off. Did you know puffer fishes range from one inch to two feet long? Besides that, there will be more fun facts at the end but let's get started!

Where pufferfish are found: Most pufferfish are found in tropical and subtropical ocean waters: Though some live in brackish and even

fresh waters. it just depends on the type of species.

Pufferfish diet: Pufferfish, or Tetraodontidae, have a diet consisting of invertebrates and algae. Larger species will crack open and eat clams, mussels and even shellfish.



How to recognize pufferfish: You can notice that their skin is thick, rough and the elasticity on their stomachs allows them to expand. Some species have spines on their skin. Depending on the species, Pufferfish live from 3-20 years. The average lifespan is 10 years.

Here are some random fun facts about pufferfish!

- Pufferfish are the most poisonous fish in the sea

Did You Know This Stuff About Orcas?



**By Allison Posadas
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An orca is a type of killer whale and lives in all the world's oceans. It is found mostly in coastal areas and open seas.

These killer whales are 20-32 feet long! The orca, or killer whale, is an apex predator meaning they are at the top of their food chain. They feed on fish and squid, but do also target seals, sea birds and even other whale species.

Individual orcas can be identified by their dorsal fins and saddle patches behind them. They



live for 50-90 years.

Orcas, known as killer whales, eat fish, seals, squid, sharks and other whales.

Orcas weigh about 13,300 lbs.! That's crazy. Now it's time for random, fun facts!

- Their speed is 35 mph (maximum, swimming)
- Orcas are the largest members in the dolphin family.
- The dorsal fin of a male orca is up to six feet tall.
- Different kinds of orcas are called "ecotypes". They hunt specific prey and live in different parts of the world.

That's all for today. I hope you enjoyed it! And I hope you learned a lot.

Mako Sharks are High Speed Predators



By Allison Posadas
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The Mako shark is a large shark up to 4.3 meters long that's found in warm, temperate waters around the world. There are two types of Mako sharks—the short fin and the long fin.

Makos has the most significant brain to body ratio, making it a fast-learning species. Thanks to its pointed torpedo shaped body, the Mako shark can reach speed bursts of up to 60 miles, per hour. Makos are “obligate ram ventilators”, which means water must constantly pass through the gills to create oxygen for them to breathe. If they stop swimming, they will die.



What Scientist Believe

- The mako shark is so fast because it is one of only five species of endothermic sharks. It can regulate its own body temperature so therefore is warm blooded. The warm blood creates strong more efficient muscles so they can expel more energy more efficiently.

Now it's time for fun facts about the mako shark!

- Mako sharks never stop swimming if they did, they suffocate from lack of oxygen like how I talked about before.
- They can get up to around 1,100 pounds and 14 feet long

I hope you learned a lot about Mako sharks. If you want more about them, I gladly can do that!

King Penguins Rule the Antarctic



By Allison Posadas
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The King Penguin is one of my favorite animals. (Yeah, I have a lot of favorites).

The King Penguin can stand up to 95 centimeters (three feet) tall. If you didn't know, the King Penguin has a black head, chin, and throat, with vivid orange, tear shaped patches on each side of the head. The orange coloration extends to the upper chest.



King Penguins walk slowly and do not hop. The pupil of a King Penguin's eye is circular. However, when constricted, the pupils of a King Penguins' eye become square.

The King Penguin has the longest breeding cycle of all the penguin species, lasting 14 to 16 months. A female King Penguin may produce a chick during alternate breeding reasons. King Penguins do not build nests. Instead, they stand upright and incubate the egg on the tops of their feet under a loose fold of abdominal

skin called a brood patch.

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