

## Dolphins' Social Behavior

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Dolphins are one of Earth's smartest animals. They are social. Dolphins live in groups of up to 12. Dolphin groups are called “pods.” Sometimes about 1,000 dolphins will gather together. These are called “superpods.” This happens where there is enough food. They communicate with sounds like clicking and whistling.

Dolphins sometimes switch pods. Dolphins sometimes also make strong social bonds. They stay with injured or sick dolphins. They help them breathe if needed by bringing them to the surface. Dolphins have also been seen helping other animals such as whales and even people. Some dolphins protect people from sharks.

Dolphins also have culture—similar to humans. Dolphins teach their children how to use tools. Sometimes they use sponges to protect their nose when searching for food. Mothers usually teach this to their daughters.