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## Some fun yet moving Elefacts ... we just cannot let them become extinct! Help Us Help Them! Every Limited Edition Elephant Sale contributes towards saving the Asian Elephant.

Elephants can live for up to 70 years, they spend about 16 hours a day eating, consuming 300 to 495 pounds of food per day

Their normal walking pace is around 4 mph, a little faster than a human, and they can swim for long distances.

Their tusks are made of ivory and are actually enormously enlarged incisors, they have small eyes with poor eyesight and do not have sweat glands!

Elephants have 6 sets of molar teeth; when the last set is lost, the animal is unable to eat and eventually dies

An elephant's trunk is actually a long nose used for smelling, breathing, trumpeting, drinking, and also for grabbing things-especially a potential meal. The trunk alone contains about 100,000 different muscles. African elephants have two finger-like features on the end of their trunk that they can use to grab small items.

The elephant's foot is a spongy pad with four or five toes and toenails. The pad acts like a cushion with each step, absorbing the impact and taking some strain off the leg.

Elephants can give birth every three to four years. Gestation period is almost two years. Babies are roughly 250 pounds when born

Elephants experience grief just like us – even shedding tears over lost family members. They try to bury their dead, using twigs and leaves to cover the body

Like human toddlers, great apes, magpies and dolphins, elephants can recognise themselves in a mirror. This self awareness is mammals is very rare in animals.

Elephants are clever enough to self-medicate. Their skin can get sunburnt so they throw sand on their backs to protect themselves. When a pregnant female is due to give birth, she will chew on leave that help induce labour.

Even if it risks their safety, elephants will go out of their ways to assist others of their kind – showing their actions are based on compassion and not survival instincts.

The old phrase "elephants never forget" is true. Research shows dominant females build up a social memory as they get older, helping them to recognise friend or foe. They have also been known to suffer from post-traumatic stress.

Elephants have massive brains. At just over 11lb, the organs are larger than any other land animal.

With their excellent learning abilities, elephants are also skilled mimics. Some have been recorded making impressions of lorries or the commands used by keepers.

Elephants are among a select few animals who experience joy. When a calf is born, the herd celebrates by trumpeting with excitement.