Elephants' trunks are like drinking straws!
TRUNKS are Terrific

TRUNKS come in all sizes

• The elephant trunk is made up totally of muscle. There are no bones in the trunk. Muscle is very strong and so is an elephant trunk since it has 100,000+ muscles!

• The rings you see on the trunk make it very flexible. It can bend any which way the elephant wants much like the hose behind your clothes dryer.

• If you stretched out the trunk of an adult male elephant, it would be taller than a 6’ tall man. That’s a lot of trunk!

• Baby elephants use their trunks to drink water and hold it. Then they put their trunks on the ground.

• No forks or spoons needed

Elephants are great problem solvers. If a tree falls in front of them and is blocking their path, they will pick it up and move it. If they can’t reach it, they will use their trunks to grab a big branch and make their own pollution control scoop.

The trunk can be used as a scoop to pick up a bunch of tall grass or leaves to eat.

• Elephants use their trunks to drink water. Just like a straw. An adult elephant can suck up about a gallon of water in its trunk.

• An elephant has two “fingers” on the end of its trunk. These fingers can special pouch in their throats. Later when they are thirsty, their trunk suck.

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Take your trunks when swimming

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• After about 3-4 months, they start to figure it out and gain more control.

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Humans hold hands... elephants hold tails.
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- Mama elephant trunks help the baby from the moment they are born. The baby is pretty wobbly and the trunk can help them get up and stay up.

- Baby elephants get hugged by all the other elephants in the herd. They have many mothers in the herd since the herd is only made up of females.

- Female elephants after giving birth. They are the best gift. Elephants will use their trunks to bring “gifts” after the mama elephant has given birth.

- Baby elephants need a lot of comfort. Hugs are the best way to make a baby elephant feel happy.

- Baby elephants and young teen elephants will use their trunks to grab hold of the tail of the elephant in front of them. It’s just like holding hands with your family when you go for a walk.

- Adult elephants care about the baby elephants. They will all pitch in and hug and protect the babies in the herd, even if they are not the mama.

- Other elephants help feed the baby by using their trunks to gather grasses and leaves. They put the food in the baby’s mouth until they learn how to use their trunks better.

- Elephants of all ages wrap their trunks around other elephants, showing kindness and affection.
friends greet each other with a hug!
Elephants have poor eyesight. They are the largest land mammal but their eyes are small in comparison to their large bodies.

- An elephant will put its trunk high up in the air to sniff the air. They are sniffing other elephants and people within a 5 mile radius. It’s hard to sneak up on an elephant if the wind is blowing the right direction.
- An elephant uses its trunk to smell and touch enemies nearby. They are sensing our friends or comparison to their large bodies.
- Elephants can smell other animals and people.
- Elephants can smell friends or another elephant friend. They know and remember what friends smell like.
- Caregivers who have rescued and helped their lives, even if the elephant hasn’t seen them for the rest of their lives, are remembered for the rest of their lives.
- Caregivers who have rescued and helped each other’s trunks and heads, greets each other. Elephants will wrap their trunks around each other’s mouths as a way of saying “hi”.
- Now that’s a mouthful of hello!
- Elephants will put their trunks inside each other’s mouths as a way of saying “hi”.
- Elephants say “hello!” as a way of saying “hi”.
- Just like when you hug someone tightly – with elephant hugs. They even squeeze a little bit. Elephants say “hello!” as a way of saying “hi”.
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