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Trainers describe sea lions as more intelligent than dogs. Sea lions prefer interaction with humans, especially games, to food as a reward. One researcher noted that the sea lions now undergoing training will select a Wiffle ball rather than fish, when given a choice. Scientists say that the sea lions in training will follow a broad range of instructions if they are kept entertained. They will dive to specific depths and remain there until instructed to surface.

God has given His creatures intelligence based on their needs, not on their resemblance to man. This simple principle explains why the claims that man arose from the animal world are wrong.

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for the wonderful creatures You have made, especially those that interact with us. Help those who work with the creatures You have made see how these creatures glorify You and proclaim Your work of creation. Amen.

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