Giant Pandas: Worthy of Being Adored

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When you first hear the word Giant Panda, what’s the first thing that comes up to your mind? People might get different ideas and perspectives about Giant Pandas. For instance, some might say a Giant Panda is a black and white animal. Others might say they look somewhat like bears. Some might say they’re the cutest, cuddly-looking animal ever. Almost everyone knows that a Giant Panda would most likely eat bamboo. However, they actually eat other things, too that no one would expect. For example, did you know that occasionally, they would eat small rodents? How shocking! There’s actually more information about Giant Pandas that no one knows. If you’re interested to know more, you should continue reading.

Let’s talk about the Giant Panda’s physical appearance. Like most people, when you first see a Giant Panda, you will notice right away that they have black and white fur. In addition, their black and white fur is thick, oily, and woolly, which helps them warm in the cold. According to “Panda- Enchanted Learning Software,” its fur may camouflage the Giant Panda in the snowy and rocky environment. They have black ears and white faces. Furthermore, their arms and legs have black fur. Also, they have black patches around each eye. The rest of its body is white. Giant pandas are very large once they reach adulthood. According to “Giant Panda,” an adult Giant Panda is 150 centimeters long. They weigh about ninety kilograms. They have round heads and short tails. Based on information researched on “Interesting Facts,” their teeth are seven times bigger than human teeth.

Giant Pandas eat an array of things. Their diet consists mainly on bamboo. Nevertheless, they also eat other plants. For instance, they eat sugar cane and other grass. They also eat fruits and vegetables. For example, they eat oranges, bananas, apples, carrots,
and sweet potatoes. You might think that they’re herbivores. In contrast, Giant Pandas are actually omnivores, which means that they can both eat plants and animals. In some occasions, they eat small rodents or musk deer fawns. However, they only eat these foods when they don’t have any bamboo to eat. According to the website “Giant Panda,” they can chew more than 3,500 stalks of bamboo a day. According to “WikiAnswers- What do pandas eat,” Giant Pandas will also eat fish. The website “Interesting Facts” states that they can’t go without food for 5-6 hours.

In the wild, Giant Pandas live in Asia. They specifically live in Central China. Based on information researched from “Giant Panda Facts- National Zoo|FONZ,” they live in the Sichuan, Shaanxi, and Gansu provinces of China. According to “The Wild Habitat- Giant Panda (Ailuropoda melanoleuca),” the kind of environment they live in comprises of broad leaf forests with elevations between 4,000-11,000 feet. In addition, the website “Giant Panda Facts- National Zoo|FONZ” states that they live in coniferous forests with a dense understory of bamboo. Also, Giant Pandas have a certain climate that they live in. For instance, they live in a climate that is cold and damp where bamboo grows.

I learned a lot of things about Giant Pandas. I learned that a lot of people are killing and hunting Giant Pandas just for their fur. As a result, they’re one of the most endangered species in the world. In addition, according to “Interesting Facts,” there are only about 1,000 Giant Pandas left. According to the website “Panda- Enchanted Learning Software,” the Chinese call them “Giant Bear Cat.” Giant Pandas have forty-two teeth in total. Moreover, based on information researched from “Panda- Enchanted Learning Software,” their teeth are very sharp, which helps them bite into tough bamboo stalks. According to the website
“Panda- Enchanted Learning Software,” Giant Pandas are mostly silent, but they can yell! Also, they have eleven different calls, four of which are only used during mating. They are shy, solitary animals. They live most of their lives alone. The Giant Panda is the symbol of peace in China. The website “Panda- Enchanted Learning Software” states that female Giant Pandas are called sows, males are called boars, and the young are called cubs.
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