

Caring for the Young – Elephant

Elephants live in groups called herds, and they work together to protect their young. When a calf is born, the herd prepares a safe space by surrounding the mother and baby. This circle of elephants keeps away lions or other dangers. The mother elephant feeds her calf with milk, while older elephants teach the young one how to use its trunk to pick leaves, grass, and fruits. Safety is very important, so the herd always watches over the calf, guiding it across rivers and keeping it close during travel. Food is also carefully shared—the calf first drinks milk, then slowly learns to eat plants. Elephants show teamwork and care, making sure the young grow strong and healthy. Their way of protecting, feeding, and teaching the calf shows how much elephants value family.

Fill in the blanks

1. Elephants live in groups called _____.
2. The mother elephant gives the baby _____ to drink.
3. The herd makes a _____ around the baby to keep it safe.
4. Baby elephants learn to use their _____ to eat plants.
5. Elephants care for their young with _____ and safety.