ON THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ELEPHANTS

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Abstract

This contribution deals with elephants, our most favourite animals. Among the founders of the *elephant science* we wish to recall Aristotle, one of the greatest minds of all times. The best introduction into the subject is starting by the words on elephants given in his Historia animalium [1]:

"Among animals the most easily tamed and the gentlest is the elephant. It can be taught a number of tricks, the drift and meaning of which it understands; as, for instance, it can be taught to kneel in presence of the king. It is very sensitive, and possessed of an intelligence superior to that of other animals."

Our modest contribution is to extend some of the observations on psychology of elephants to other long-nose animals.

References

[1] Aristotle. Historia Animalium, around 325 B.C., cited the translation by D'Arcy Wentworth, Encyclopedia Brittanica, Inc., Chicago, London, Toronto, 1952.

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