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Polar Bear Cub Mishka Celebrates Christmas!

Eight-month old Polar Bear Cub, Mishka is getting into the festive spirit as she celebrates her first Christmas at Sea World's Polar Pre-School exhibit.

The world-class Polar Pre-School exhibit which is home to Mishka and mum, Liya has had a Polar Bear friendly Christmas make-over just in time for Mishka and Liya to enjoy some early celebrations.

Sea World Curator of Mammals, Mitchell Leroy said the Christmas experience will form part of Mishka and Liya's enrichment program.

"We have decorated the Polar Pre-School exhibit with specially created Christmas presents and an array of Mishka and Liya's favourite treats, toys and food," he said.

"The exhibit here at Sea World offers one of the world's best enrichment programs and occasions such as Christmas provide a wonderful opportunity for our Bears to experience a range of different smells and textures."

"Mishka is continuing to grow significantly in size and is now weighing roughly 60 kilograms and has started eating a range of solid foods including fish, beef and pork.

"Since making her public debut in September, Sea World guests have fallen in love with Mishka which is a great situation for all Polar Bears as she is helping to raise awareness and create empathy for her wild counterparts."

The Polar Bears at Sea World are ambassadors for their species and play a vital role in raising awareness of the effects of global warming. Current research indicates that Polar Bear numbers in the wild are declining, with 20,000 – 25,000 bears remaining worldwide.

The best way to see Mishka is with a Village Roadshow One Pass which gives you unlimited entry to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast and Paradise Country for 12 months. For more information visit seaworld.com.au or call 13 33 86.

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