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Polar Bear Cub explores Cub Kindy!

The three-month old Polar Bear Cub at Sea World has reached the next stage in her development and has started to explore Cub Kindy.

Cub Kindy is a specially designed area at the world-class Polar Bear Shores exhibit which allows for the cub to develop her life-skills and explore new substrates such as shaved ice all under the watchful eye of doting mum, Liya.

The cub is taking all of the exciting new experiences in Cub Kindy in her little stride, including playing with mum on the ice, interacting with new toys and getting her first taste of solid foods.

Sea World Director of Marine Sciences Trevor Long said the cub is doing really well and is becoming more inquisitive and playful each day, with Cub Kindy being a key part in her growth.

“The first time to cub saw Cub Kindy, she was a little nervous, but after watching and learning from mum her confidence grew and she began to dig, run and play in the ice and is now starting to spend more time out there,” he said.

“The cub has also been introduced to her first toys in Cub Kindy and she’s taken a real shine to a small ball which she enjoys playing with and chasing around the ice, keeping Liya on her toes.

“She is continuing to grow significantly in size and is now starting to interact with solid foods including fish, meat and pork and it won’t be long until she makes her public debut.

“We are still asking for the public to help us name this adorable cub through the naming competition on the Sea World website, which has had over 20 thousand votes since opening, with Mishka proving to be the front-runner at this stage.

To cast a vote in the naming competition and go in the draw to win a family Sea World holiday including three nights’ stay at the award-winning Sea World Resort, unlimited theme park entry during their stay and a personalised Polar Bear back-of-house tour, please visit seaworld.com.au/cubcompetition

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.

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