

BRINGING UP KARI

Lesson explanation, Part 3

We have seen Kari as sensitive, intelligent, naughty. But, he is a fast learner too. Every elephant is needed to be taught when to sit and when to walk. An elephant has to be taught like a child and Kari was no exception.

Kari learnt 'Mali' after three lessons which means 'to walk'. And, he took three weeks to learn 'Dhat' which means to sit down. It is very important to teach an elephant to sit as it grows taller and taller and then it becomes difficult for the caretaker to take care of her.

The most difficult thing to teach an elephant is the master call. He took five years to learn the master call properly. It is very important for him to learn this as it helps the master to come out of any problem. The master call is a strange hissing, howling sound as if a snake and a tiger were fighting with each other. One needs to make that kind of noise in the elephant's ear. And once that is learnt properly, whenever you are lost in a jungle or in any kind of danger, you just need to give the master call, the elephant can sense that his master is in trouble.

So, we can see that elephants can be human's best friend.