



ELEPHANT PROFILE



Andile AT A GLANCE

Sex: Female

Age: 27 Years

Shoulder Height: 2.6m

Approximate Weight: <4 tons

ANDILE

The Feisty Foodie!

Andile is a beautiful young elephant with a healthy and impressive appetite—even by African Elephant standards! While all elephants consume large amounts of food, Andile takes the crown as the Olympic Gold Medalist in this category. Her name, *Andile*, means 'to increase, to multiply, to spread' in Zulu, and she has certainly lived up to it—much to our amusement!



But don't let her sweet face fool you—Andile is no pushover! She may be the youngest in the herd, but she is feisty and unafraid to stand her ground, even against the bigger elephants. While she is gentle with her Handlers, her interactions with the other elephants can be more assertive, especially when food is involved. Always aware of who has what, she is a clever opportunist, using her wit to secure extra snacks. Unlike Lindiwe, she does not show typical matriarchal traits—her greatest motivation will always be food!

Andile's softer side shines through in her close bond with Tembo. Wherever Tembo goes, Andile is sure to be nearby, adoring him and seeking his company—especially when her big personality stirs up a bit of mischief in the herd. She is smart enough to know that Tembo's size allows him to reach food she can't, and being fond of her, he shares his spoils—though when it comes to treats, he draws the line!

One of Andile's most endearing traits is her expressive eyes. Her nictitating membrane works hard to keep them clean and moist, often forming a white foam at the corners. When the foam turns to liquid and trickles down her face, it looks like tears, triggering a deep sense of affection and care from those who love her.

As the most recent addition to the herd, Andile has settled in beautifully, quickly becoming a beloved member of the Elephant Whispers family. We all eagerly await the day she discovers her voice and graces us with her first rumble—a moment we'll cherish when it finally arrives.

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