

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET TOO CLOSE TO A 6,000 POUND ELEPHANT SEAL

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The Antarctic island of South Georgia is one of the most extraordinary places on earth. Square miles of king penguin rookeries, thousands of fur seals, hundreds of gigantic elephant seals amidst a backdrop of massive glaciers and snow-capped mountains.

All of the animals here have no fear of you whatever and ignore your presence – except if you make the mistake of getting too close to a bull elephant seal for his comfort. It's a mistake I made as you can see. Luckily, with several tons of blubber to carry, this fellow can't move as fast as me, so I hightailed it quickly. That satisfied him, and all was soon back to placidly normal again. (*Glimpses of Our Breathtaking World* #62photo ©Jack Wheeler)

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