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SHARKS ARE LIKE DOGS

As pointed out by freediver Hanli Prinsloo, who has spent more time with them than most



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'**Blacktip sharks** are like a pack of **terriers**: fast and nippy and more interested in food than interacting.'



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'Cruising in the False Bay kelp forests, **sevengills** are like lazy old **bassets** that would much rather lay in front of a fire than go about their daily survival. But I've only met the cow-sharks at night, and apparently their Mr Hyde side can come out and they transform into pit bulls.'



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'With their big soft eyes and tendency to want to get close, **blue sharks** are like the snuffling nose of your grandmother's **cocker spaniel**.'



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'**Tiger sharks** are my gracefully swaying, elegant shark of choice, reminiscent of a **Great Dane**: large, personable and somewhat predictable.'



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'We love to shroud **great whites** in mystery and myth. Truth be told, no dog matches this apex predator. Like the **lone wolf**, the great white is a creature of beauty and majesty.'

Ninety-eight per cent of shark species may be found in SA waters. Hanli, creator of the I Am Water Foundation, believes education is key, and encourages people to help share knowledge about sharks, their behaviour and vulnerability. iamwaterfoundation.org