

## How the Polar Bear Got White Fur

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Once upon a time, off the coast of Antarctica, there was a weak polar bear named Doug. His family, and the rest of his species, was weak and small also. This was because all of the polar bears were as black as night, and could never sneak up on pray with a background of pure white snow. Years passed and almost all of the polar bears were extinct due to lack of hunting skills. Then one day, Doug was walking along the coast line and noticed that the water felt unusually clean and smelled extremely different. So Doug slowly waded into the water to investigate this smelly yet clean mystery. He swam for almost an hour and still couldn't find the source of the weird substance. Then he came around an ice cliff and saw a large sinking ship with the word CLOROX written on the side. Doug didn't know what it was but decided that it probably wasn't good. Getting out was the wise thing to do he decided, and he swam into shore. When he looked down at himself, his fur was unbelievably white. AS WHITE AS THE SNOW! He decided to test his new camouflage and snuck up on an unsuspecting seal. Mr. Seal wasn't used to the white polar bears and didn't even notice him. Doug tore him to shreds and immediately went off to mate so he could pass on this wonderful mutation. He ate so plentifully that Doug grew to the size

that polar bears are today. His children ate just as well and grew into giant polar bears. The genes were passed down for years, and years to come. So today, if you go to Antarctica, I'm almost positive that you will see a big WHITE polar bear. And when you do, you will know the story of how the polar bear got its white fur.