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Rare white reindeer photographed in Norway – 7th December, 2018

Level 0

A man photographed a rare white reindeer in Norway. He was hiking and saw a small white animal. He said it was so white, "he almost disappeared into the snow". He said the experience was "magical". The reindeer was very calm. The man said: "He behaved as if he was posing for my photos. He was very curious."

The photo has gone viral on social media. It has been liked over 30,000 times. It is good luck to see a white reindeer. Santa's sleigh is pulled by flying reindeer to deliver presents. Santa's reindeer are brown. A white reindeer is white because of a problem that removes colour from its fur. In the USA, reindeer are known as caribou.

Level 1

A man photographed a rare white reindeer in the north of Norway. Mads Nordsveen, from Oslo, was hiking in the mountains. He suddenly saw a small white animal. He realized it was a reindeer. He said it was so white, "he almost disappeared into the snow". He said the experience was "magical" and like a "fairy tale". He said: "We looked into each other's eyes. He was very calm....He behaved as if he was posing for my photos. He was very curious."

The photo has gone viral on social media. It has been liked over 30,000 times. It is good luck in Norway to see a white reindeer. Also, Christmas is coming. Santa Claus' sleigh is pulled by eight reindeer. They help Santa to deliver presents. Santa's reindeer are usually brown. A white reindeer is white because of a genetic problem that removes colour from its fur. They are not albino. In the USA, reindeer are known as caribou.

Level 2

A man has photographed a rare white reindeer while on a walk in the north of Norway. Mads Nordsveen, from Norway's capital city, was hiking in the mountains. While walking through the snow, he saw a small white animal. He realized it was a reindeer. He said it was so white, "he almost disappeared into the snow". Nordsveen said the experience was "magical" and like a "fairy tale". He said: "The reindeer came to me very close and we looked into each other's eyes. He was very calm....He behaved as if he was posing for my photos. He was very curious...like a little explorer."

The photograph has gone viral on social media. It has been liked over 30,000 times since Nordsveen uploaded it. It is good luck in Norway to see a white reindeer. It is also good timing as Christmas is coming. According to folklore, Santa Claus' sleigh is pulled by eight flying reindeer. They help Santa to deliver presents to children. However, Santa's reindeer are usually brown. A white reindeer's unusual appearance is because of a genetic problem that removes colour from its fur. They are not albino. In the USA, reindeer are known as caribou.

Level 3

A man from Norway has photographed a rare white reindeer calf while on a walk in the north of his country. Mads Nordsveen, 24, from Norway's capital city Oslo, was hiking in the mountains at the weekend. While walking through the snow, he spotted a smallish white animal and realized it was a reindeer. Mr Nordsveen said the creature was so white, "he almost disappeared into the snow". Nordsveen described the experience as being "magical" and like a "fairy tale". He said: "The reindeer came to me very close and we looked into each other's eyes. He was very calm when he saw that I did not have bad intentions. He behaved as if he was posing for my photos. He was very curious...like a little explorer."

The photograph of the reindeer calf has gone viral on social media. It has been liked over 30,000 times since Nordsveen uploaded it on Monday. It is good luck in Scandinavian countries to see a white reindeer. Many people think it is good timing as Christmas is coming. According to folklore, Santa Claus' sleigh is pulled by eight flying reindeer. They help Santa to deliver presents to good children on Christmas Eve. However, Santa's reindeer are usually brown. A white reindeer is very rare. Their unusual appearance is caused by a genetic condition that removes colour from their fur. People can mistake such a reindeer for being an albino, but this is not the case. In the USA, reindeer are known as caribou.