

# Animals don't belong in Zoos

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Zoos are terrible for the physical and mental wellbeing of animals. Animals locked in small enclosures to spend for a majority of their lives is depressing and wrong. The animals in zoos can't experience the proper nutrition and survival they would in the wild.

It is argued that zoos provide protection, medical care and reproductive opportunities for the animals if possibly endangered. [Animalequality.org](http://Animalequality.org) argues how the other side of the party can argue how bad zoos actually are. Zoos can be horrible for animal welfare, with the small enclosures that can cause stress and boredom in the animals. While it is true that some zoos may have inadequate living conditions for animals and do not prioritize their well-being, there are also many well-run zoos that prioritize the welfare of their animals. Some scientists capture animals and enclose them for observation.

According to [peta.org](http://peta.org) in the wild, Animals have to depend on their instincts and need to be with animals of their species. The Columbus Zoo finds animals that are endangered or injured and uses the Zoo to rehabilitate the animals. The Columbus Zoo gets their animals from other zoos or even from breeding endangered species. Although some animals in other states capture wild animals and use them for entertainment. Zoos are not

meant for entertainment for families and kids. The animals in the enclosures have no freedom and have to depend on the zoo for food. At some zoos the animals are in tight enclosures and have no room compared to their natural habitats.

Regardless of how well a zoo operates, there are still some negative aspects to keeping animals in captivity. [Books.com](http://Books.com) discusses when an animal is born in captivity they can't physically survive on their own in the wild. This results in the animal staying in zoos for their best chances of survival. Even in the best zoos, animals are still enclosed to smaller spaces than they would have in the wild, and they may not have access to the same activities and opportunities for socialization that they would have in their natural habitats. Some animals in zoos can't rely on their natural instincts and can't be released into the wild. The issue of whether zoos are good or bad for animals depends on various factors, such as the species being kept, and an individual animal's wellbeing. Although there can be decent zoos, wild animals shouldn't be kept in them unless they were born in captivity. Animals shouldn't be used for entertainment for people and their families. Wild animals need to be in their natural habitats with other animals of their species so they can thrive better.

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