



Animals have feelings just like us!

Huge numbers suffer and die because of the long distances they have to travel, or because of the conditions they are kept in. Animals aren't like toys, to be played with and put aside. Sadly, there are many unwanted animals, abandoned or given away, because their owners lose interest or can't cope.



Many exotic pets like lizards, snakes and tortoises are captured in their wild habitat such as the rainforest or desert. Then they are put in cages and brought here to be sold. Imagine how frightened they must be!

But animals do matter... and it is wrong to hurt animals, just like it is wrong to hurt people. Sometimes people do things without thinking, such as chasing and kicking pigeons or hurting frogs, crabs and insects. But these creatures have feelings too, and can feel pain just like us.



Animals have feelings just like us. We don't like to be cold or hungry, and we certainly don't like to be frightened or hurt. Neither do they. Yet many animals live miserable lives and are suffering because some people think animals don't matter.



We all love the animals that we live with... and are happy when we see a fox or a horse, or watch wildlife programmes showing animals playing and having fun, and mothers feeding and protecting their young.



Imagine a world without animals. It would be boring, wouldn't it? No tigers, elephants, monkeys, horses, birds, cats or dogs. This isn't about to happen, thank goodness, but it shows how much we care about animals and how much we like to have them around.



Animals are an important part of our world



Taking on an animal is a big responsibility and needs thinking about very carefully



Animals are very difficult to look after. Food, vets' bills and equipment can cost a lot of money, and some animals live for a long time. They have to be looked after, but all have different needs. Some sleep during the day, others at night. Some like company, others like to be on their own, but all need to be cleaned and fed and loved.



If you feel you can give an animal a good home... please remember all the lonely, unhappy animals in rescue centres and sanctuaries, longing to be loved and cared for. Also, think about what sort of animal you want, and ask yourself whether or not you can give the animal the kind of home they need and deserve.

Companion animals



How you can help the animals in your world



Always be kind to animals. If you see someone hurting an animal, please ask an adult for help



Don't tread on mini-beasts. Move snails out of your way and step over spiders and ants. They all have a life and are very important to the eco-system.



Think carefully before you take on a pet. If you can take one on, adopt from a rescue centre - don't buy from pet shops or online.



Enjoy the birds; don't chase them. Pigeons, gulls and other birds don't like to be chased. Watch them play, instead.



Pick up litter. Litter can hurt or injure an animal. Always break plastic rings (used for drinks), as animals can get caught up in these.



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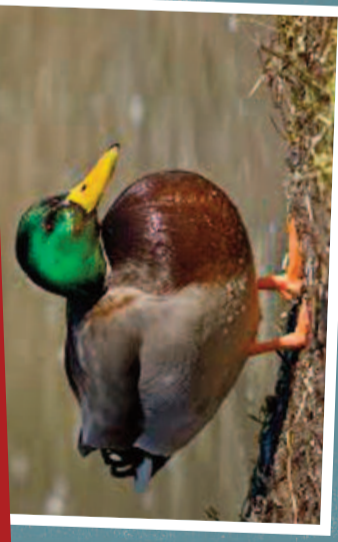


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Poster



Pigeons stay with their mate for life.



Ducks can see in colour and have three eyelids on each eye!



Some species of snail can live for 25 years.



Herring gulls (seagulls) can drink sea water.



Chickens are the closest living relative to the T-Rex. They can live for 11 years in the wild.



Dogs, pigs and chickens are as clever as a two year old child.



Sheep are very caring and form strong bonds with their babies.



Cows make friends and get upset if they are separated.



Mice can solve problems as quickly as dogs can.



Hamsters are nocturnal. (They only come out at night). They love to burrow and exercise.



Cats can jump seven times higher than their own height.



Two-week-old pigs know their names. A pig's squeal is louder than a supersonic airliner.

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