

Imagine the pain and suffering an innocent, blameless animal would endure in a caged hellhole where it is made to entertain for the purpose of human greed and folly. I crave a future where the inequality and exploitation of living creatures is extinct – just like the many lives we have assassinated through the barbaric treatment we put many flesh and blood through! These atrocities cage the chance of an animal's freedom, equality and justice. My heart fills with empathy and rage as I see a creature we made captive in a death trap created by human hands – zoos.

With the little compassion we have left in our insensate hearts, I beg you, think about the children, the future generations of the animals we have imprisoned! Have you ever been to a zoo? How often are the creatures delightfully happy and well? As Anthony Douglas Williams stated, "Animals have hearts that feel, eyes that see, and families to care for, just like you and me." Zoos trap and kidnap beautiful creatures away from their natural environment. National Geographic shows that animals suffer in zoos both emotionally and physically, showing behavior such as bar biting and pacing. Don't be fooled by the cute results of swimming with dolphins, selfies with quokkas, hugs with tigers or riding on elephants. These are harmful to the innocent wildlife and dangerous for humans as well. Countries such as Australia, known for its abundant and plentiful wildlife, attracts 400 million tourists per year. These travelers think it's worth it to take a memorable picture with the fauna even if it's morally wrong. For example, I can personally declare that riding on elephants is inhumanely cruel. The trainers carry whips that leave marks on even the elephant's tough skin. The only reason for this is money. Beautiful creatures, made to do bidding for our greed and folly? Think about the legacy you want to leave!

For too long, zoos have been justified because of animal-breeding programs that "help" endangered species. However, this inhumane breeding cannot cover the degradation caused by so-called "safe environments of animals" to these elegant fauna! When breeding fails, the animals are culled or poached. Some people argue that zoos are educational opportunities for children; however a 2014 study by the Society for Conservation Biology found that of over 2,800 children surveyed following visits to London Zoo, 62% showed no positive learning outcomes. "Zoos are prisons for animals, camouflaging their cruelty with conservation claims," Mimi Bekhechi, director of international programmes at PETA, explains. [Good source but try to add additional info after this. What are your thoughts about this info?](#)

The tormented creatures are also kept in tiny enclosures alone. With no other healthy contact, the depressed animals tolerate gross violations of rights – but only because they have no other choice! Away from their natural habitat, all they can do is watch as cruel humans gawk and throw things at them. What a flagrant disregard for fairness! It is a cry for help that nature is throwing at us. The earth is not a dead thing we can claim – every rock and tree and creature has a life, a spirit, a name. Is this what humankind has become? A blatant, selfish species that massacres, butchers and tortures mercilessly? Believe me, one day, our malevolence will lead to our own grave. One day, we will regret not embracing all lives as the wonderful creatures they are. The legacy we leave might never be a good one if we don't act, fast.

[I can feel your passion regarding the topic because this piece is full of emotions! I sympathise with you. This work would have been perfect only if you also added a counterargument regarding your standpoint. Also add follow up thoughts after citing your factual info and its sources. You have to connect one thought to another to make it whole.](#)

Mark (49/50)