

Topic One - Why Zoos Should Be Banned

All of us on planet earth are basic organisms with a need for a habitat to survive. This includes animals. Animals, like humans, need a natural environment to develop and prosper. Humans in their quest for entertainment and greedy ambitions are destroying nature through putting animals in captivity in zoos fuelling the early extinction and destruction of much wildlife. Animals are meant to live in the wild, finding their own food, seeking their own territory, and surviving the social structure of the vast and complex food chain. Zoos prevent animals from exploring their natural instincts and do not allow a freedom of choice in their selection of what to eat, where to roam, and when to mate. Zoos force animals to live in a manufactured environment causing destructions like a black hole, sucking all life and light from vulnerable creatures suffering endless torment, dooming all animals in this unsufferable vortex. Humans have abused their power over animals, through putting them in captivity and not allowing them their natural freedoms.

Zoos have a reputation for mistreating animals by forcing them to live in miniscule, cramped conditions stopping physical activity, and a loss of development due to the enclosures being prisons of despair. The life span of these animals in caged accommodation has been cut short, slashing years off many animals lives. In the last 50 years, while zoos have existed, more than 68% of the wildlife population has been decimated, causing mass deprivation of many animal species. Many zoos around the world have mistreated animals by training all animals to perform like unnatural monkeys, with tricks and acrobats for pure entertainment and enjoyment from moneygrubbing zoo owners who only want to make a profit, rather than enrich the lives of the animals. Some zoos have made up ridiculous tales, claiming that the animals are “injured” and have been rescued to make the zoo seem caring and compassionate towards the animals. In actual fact, they have stolen the animals from their families and prevented them from healing and been cared for by other members of their family. These unjust parks claim to help animals but only make them depressed and have psychological issues. The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) reported that 75% of zoos around the world were mistreating a variety of animals. For example, big cats in gladiator-style shows performing for large audiences, dolphins being used like surf boards and elephants being bullied to play basketball for money hungry audiences.

This treatment of animals in zoos is an atrocity that must be stopped. Many beautiful creatures that should exist in the wild are suffering at the hands of monsters, only wanting to make their wallets full. It is our moral duty to save the animals from these unjust hellholes and help turn around the mass extinction that is being fast tracked by human greed. Think of the legacy we need to create to save our animals and keep our friends existing in the natural world.