

# Animals Should Not Be Kept in Zoos

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Pleading faces stare back at you with innocent eyes full of fear as metal, robust bars barricade the entrance to a new world, a free world. Humans walk around, cameras slung on their necks, faces beaming with joy and glee as animals paw and whine at the fences and bars of their enclosure. This is animal cruelty, little do we know animals are not being treated with love and care. They don't get the same opportunities and chances we humans get. It makes me feel powerless and depressed. It makes me feel indignant, it makes me want to do something. 75% of zoos around the world do not treat animals fairly, they threaten them with nozzles, whips and bullhooks and force animals to perform. Put yourself in their shoes, and feel what they feel. Think about the tigers, the birds. The tigers that almost die instantly once released back into the wild. Or the lions that were fed meat laced with poison. This is not right. This is not how it was supposed to be in our world. Animals should definitely not be kept in zoos.

Imagine being trapped in a dinky, minuscule cage, imagine not being in your real habitat, your home. Imagine the faces staring at you and asking you to move around or do something. Imagine your loss and distraught from being separated from your treetop home. Imagine leaving your parents and starting a new life in a zoo that only keeps you for the money. Humans live in a world where freedom is granted, where we roam around having fun and do opportunities some people don't get. It is an honour to be alive, but is it an honour to be locked up in a cage? Animals should get the same rights as humans, they should do what they want and be free from their nanoscopic cages and disgusting food. Why did they get the opposite of what was given to us? Why do we kill them and eat them and in return they get captivity and death? Animals are caged purely for our entertainment, but did you ever think about the animals or how they feel? Do you think they enjoy sitting on the concrete floor watching people pass by, then sleep the night in an enclosure that grants no freedom when everyone else goes to their warm comfy beds? Animals should be released and not kept in zoos.

Cerise blood drips down on the blood-stained floor as eyes full of fear and pain are the last thing you see before the swing of an axe. The rancid, pungent smell of rotting flesh lingers in the air as row after row of slaughtered animals are hanged. Harrowing cries of desperation ring in the air as knives lick the new fresh blood crawling on the blade. This is not right. Try to imagine the hundreds of rows of animals replaced with dead corpses of humans, eyes rolling into eye sockets, hands cold and clammy. To the government, why have you not done anything? Why do you sit around in your fancy palace while animals are being killed, slaughtered and then appear on your dinner plate? It is a disgrace to the past generations, they would have done things differently. But, we can still do things differently. We can change. Think about the animals, put yourself in their shoes. Change the world to what it was supposed to be. Animals should not be kept in zoos. Animals should not be kept in zoos. It's time to make a change.

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