

Zoos are dark prisons of ultimate despair, chaining innocent animals to manacles of pain and agony. Picture a cruel image consisting of feeble, sickly animals held together by thin, sickly skin as they crawl in the limited and harsh confines of a zoo. They all dream of a beautiful past, a past where they are free, but which now they have been cruelly stripped from, as they are cramped in utterly disastrous situations that are deadly for them. They want to fall and weep in utter distress, but they do not have the energy. They can only crawl under the constant, crushing regard of oppressive humans as they sadly await their painful deaths. They are facing harsh mental distress as they face the utter and disastrous pain of captivity. They are deathly stains on our society, and we must address this issue now. As animals are put in these restrictive environments, they suffer mentally in captivity, lose sight of their family and friends and are oppressed by human control. We must ban these utter hellholes of despair.

Animals can experience extreme distress and depression as they suffer in these iron confinements. They can feel distress as they are confined in these limited conditions. For example, zoochosis is a neurological disorder that plagues nearly 80 percent of zoo animals, and is characterised by symptoms of anxiety and depression in zoo animals. Animals can feel the trauma associated with being confined in a tiny enclosure and this can lead to negative effects. For example, in 1932, an article about a rhesus monkey who committed a painful suicide after facing depression in his tiny confines. He had tied one end of a rope to a tree and on the other he had made a noose. This is the sad reality of many zoo animals.

Animals are easily capable of forming true friendships, and it is clear that they show extreme connection to their close friends. This can be clearly seen when Gus, a usually active polar bear who would constantly swim in enclosures. However, when Ida, Gus's partner died of liver disease, Gus became bored and depressed. He began to stop swimming, and died only 2 years later. Imagine the agonising pain to be split from your entire family, to be traumatised by the inhumane experience and facing loneliness and sadness. This is an abuse of the liberty and rights of all animals as they are forced to endure the hellholes of human oppression.

Humans have wrongly abused their power among animals, and have forced many innocent creatures to learn tricks and breed. This is an unethical exploitation of the power we have over animals and we have stained our own society with our disparaging control. For example, many animals are forced to learn difficult tricks to satisfy the insatiable greed of humans. Zookeepers want to profit from the painful efforts their animals have put in to satisfy their greedy keepers. These are the unacceptable crimes that mankind have committed against animals.

And now this is a flagrant call to all to end the dire oppression that animals face. There are other alternatives to zoos in which we can learn and understand the life of animals. I am filled with a hope that one day when all animals are free to live in happiness and opportunity, and where they can rightly flourish in their natural habitat. We need to revive the true mentality of animals after they suffer from mental distress, separation and oppression. We need to struggle for animal rights, and right the wrongs that have been forced upon animals for years. We need to ban zoos now.

