

Caged or Free? Should Animals be kept in Zoos?

By Jack - Year 4

I undoubtedly believe that animals should be let free into their natural habitat. I know animals are cute but why are they in such condensed, steel-barred cages? Well, I'm here to put a stop to this nonsense and tell you why animals should be set free into the wild.

I firmly believe zoos should be abolished, eliminated and forbidden. I think zoos are so very cruel to the innocent animals. Just imagine all the animals in the world - CAGED and locked up. Go on, imagine it for a minute or two... What was it like? Well, I can tell you that in my imagination when you went to the outback, it was dull and barren. All there was, was dried up grass, the red dirt and no animals! They were all in dreadful cages; imprisoned in a noisy city. So come on, abolish those nasty zoos now!

It has to be time to let our whole animal kingdom reunite with the outside world. I think the sooner we do this, the better it is for animals. More than 70% of the world's animal population are kept in horrible zoos. I think it is appalling that they're behind bars rather than in the wild. So come on, ban zoos now!

Ultimately, I believe that animals should be allowed to live a peaceful, tranquil and harmonious existence. These amazing wild creatures are sometimes being killed in parts of Africa (and other parts of the world in fact). Just recently in the news, a Dentist from America shot and killed Cecil the Lion in Kenya. The world was in upROAR about this incident and I personally don't think it should ever happen again. Our Prime Minister, Tony Abbott says that it's "outrageous and needs to stop NOW!" It's so cruel that animals have to live their lives in very harsh, condensed, cold and dreadful places similar to a jail cell. Just imagine those cute and defenceless animals banished from zoos once and for all. What more could you want?

However, when such animals are released into the wild, they have no natural instincts because they've been in captivity for so long. So come on people, release the wildlife back into nature before it's too late.

In summary, it's clear to say that animals should be let free. Think of the animals... So come on, let the animals be free! We've all heard about 'mankind' but is 'man' really 'kind' enough to let the animals go free?

I'll let you answer that question yourself.

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By Aaryan - Year 3

Caged or Free? Undoubtedly animals should be free. People should abolish the zoos and let animals be free. I've got a lot of reasons why animals should be free so follow on and read more with me.

Primarily, the question must be asked: how would you feel being kept in a zoo? Imagine it for a minute or two... How did you feel? Well, I felt dejected, gloomy and glum. I asked 100 people if they were an animal, would they rather be kept in a cage or be free, and every person said that they would like to be free. Even Tony Abbott said "Animals should be free." In Year 1 I went to the zoo and the elephants were squeezed into such a small area. People, I implore you to give animals their freedom.

Furthermore, animals might share their own cage with many others. The cage might get dirty but careless zookeepers may not clean it up. Some animals may even receive small amounts of food, if any and might die. Some governments in Africa can be outrageous, heartless and plain nasty because they let people kill animals by charging them (and some people are able to buy a licence to kill). Animals just want to live in tranquillity and people are just killing them (even marine life). Let animals roam free in the wild.

It's cruel to keep animals in a zoo or nasty captivity. Animals might miss their family and some animals could be released into the wild, but won't know what to eat, how to live or how to hunt. If the animals hadn't been in these barbaric zoos, in ruthless captivity, they would know all of these necessary skills. Research suggests that the wicked places of captivity limit the animal's ability to survive when released. In China, some pandas are freed into the wild after being bred in captivity, however, the zookeepers don't teach them to hunt for bamboo. Unfortunately, the cute panda numbers are going down.

In summary, keep animals out of zoos. If you are not convinced by now, you may need to read the text again. Remember these reasons and let animals be free.

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By Nikola - Year 4

Caged or Free? Should animals be kept in Zoos? Well, I think animals should be kept in zoos because they can breed them, look after them and make endangered numbers go up. So come on people keep animals in zoos now!

Globally, I think animals should be kept in zoos because when animals are highly endangered, zoos can breed them. These animals can then have babies and keep that cycle going. That would be manageable (manageable means a highly effective word for easy). Not to mention, animal numbers going up. Surely that is a good thing!

Undoubtedly, animals should be kept in cages because we can look after them??? Well, we can look after them just like when they're at home. Or, we can help by getting more volunteers from the public to help out with the zoos all around the world. Let's get more volunteers! Shout it out with me. Let's get more volunteers! Let's get more volunteers! Come on, let's get more volunteers to help out with our zoos around the world.

Research suggests that "All zoos should be allowed right now." If we have all the volunteers to help all these beautiful animals, it would be a treasure. So come on people, keep zoos now!

Above all, we should keep zoos because we can make endangered numbers go up heaps by breeding them, and looking after them really well. So come on people, Zoos Rule! Shout it out with me: Zoos Rule, Zoos Rule, Zoos Rule. Come on people, get in your local zoo now and support the animals.