



# Caring for Animals

1. What do all animals need to stay alive?

2. Why are animals important to you?

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3. Find the enclosure of the animal in the picture above. Look very carefully at this animal's home. Do you see one way that the zoo is caring for this animal? Write or draw it in the space below.

4. Now head to 'Monkey Island.' This is the Spider and Capuchin monkey's enclosure .

We give all of our animals things to do so that they don't get bored. This is called enrichment.

Look at What do you think our monkeys can do so they are not bored?

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- **Enrichment** - The things we give our zoo animals to do so that they don't get bored



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5. Some wild animals like to live together. Some like to live alone. Look around the zoo and write the names of animals we like to live together or alone.

Together

Alone

6. Why is it good to keep these animals in the way that they like? (With other animals, or by themselves?)

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7. Choose 1 animal from your lists above.

Animal Name:

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What food do you think it likes to eat? Write it underneath.

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Why is it really important to give all of our animals the right food?

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8. Can you think of anything else that people and zoos can do to look after animals?

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## Answers for Adults

### 1. What do all animals need to stay alive?

*Can be things like food, water, a home, friends, things to do, or whatever the children think might be important*

### 2. Why are animals important to you?

*Ideas might include those of friendship, comfort, help, food  
Learning from them, etcetera...*

### 3. Find the enclosure of the animal in the picture above. Look very carefully at this animal's home. Do you see one way that the zoo is caring for this animal? Write or draw it in the space below.

*The Tuatara can be found in the nocturnal house on the 'Tropical River Trail'. When you enter into the main part of the enclosure, the Tuatara can usually be found straight ahead of you when you walk through the plastic curtain, either directly underneath the barrier, or on the rocks behind. It is quite dark, so you may have to let your eyes adjust, and look very carefully!*

*Ideas about how we care for tuatara could include giving them a dark enclosure, or a natural one, with lots of trees, rocks and water. Natural environments are very important for animal wellbeing.*

### 4. Now head to 'Monkey Island.'

**We give all of our animals things to do so that they don't get bored. This is called enrichment.**

**Look at the Spider and Capuchin monkey's enclosure on Monkey Island. What do you think they can do to keep busy?**

*Our monkeys have lots of ropes to swing on, and lots of trees to climb, which keeps them happy. Swinging and climbing is natural behaviour for them, so it's very important that they can do this in captivity!*

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## Together

*Some animals who like to live together include Lions, meerkats, cotton top and golden lion tamarins, spider monkeys, capuchins, African Wild dogs, baboons, kangaroos, wallabies and zebras*

## Alone

*Kiwis, tuatara, moreporks, tigers, some otters, etc*

6. Why is it good to keep these animals in the way that they like? (E.g. With other animals, or by themselves?)

*We want our animals to be happy and healthy, and not to become stressed when they live at the zoo, so it's very important that we try to keep them in an environment that they are used to, i.e., alone if that's what they like.*

7. Choose 1 animal from your lists above.

**Animal Name:** *Children can use their own ideas here - no right or wrong answer*

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**Why is it really important to give all of our animals the right food?**

*So that all of our animals are healthy. If they eat the wrong food, they might become sick and*

8. Can you think of anything else that zoos should do to look after our animals?

*Children can use their own ideas here - no right or wrong answer*