

Keeping Animals in Zoos

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Dear Editor,

There has been a lot of discussion about keeping animals in zoos. I would like to express my opinion on this issue. I wish to point out that keeping animals in zoos is wrong and the reasons are as follows.

Animals will lose their freedom if they are kept in zoos. As we all know, people like to visit animals in zoos, so the government keeps all kinds of animals to satisfy the citizens' desire. Is this a right thing to do? I do not think so. It is best for animals to live in their natural habitats. If they are kept in zoos, they will lose their freedom and some of them will be trained to perform tricks to earn money. They will not be happy. It is bad for their health. Sometimes losing freedom will drive some animals crazy and they might hurt people.

Secondly, animals may lose their instincts if they are kept in zoos. In zoos, animals do not need to find their own food because the zookeepers will feed them. Eventually, they will become lazy and cannot run fast. Finally, they will lose their animal instincts.

What is more, some animals living in zoos might be abused by the zookeepers and be trained to perform for the visitors. If the animals do not perform well, the zookeepers may punish them. What a terrible thing!

To conclude, it is best for animals to live in the wild. I do not think that keeping animals in zoos is right. The natural environment, in my opinion, is a better place than zoos for animals.

Yours faithfully,
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Teacher's Feedback : A good try at elaborating your points. You have also used suitable connective devices to link up your ideas. (Miss Lam Ching)