

WHAT DOES 'RESPECT FOR ANIMALS' MEAN?

Parents often say that you must have respect for other people. Animals want humans to keep a little distance, that's precisely what the word "respect" means. Many animals don't want to be picked up or cuddled. Some animals, like dogs and cats appreciate a lot of attention; other animals like wild animals, birds and fish just want to be left alone. There is not a single animal who wants to be locked away in a small cage. Not birds, hamsters, mice, rabbits, or guinea pigs. Respecting animals means that you won't do something like that. But if you do have an animal or bird in a cage at home, you cannot let them free now! They depend on you to care for them, for the rest of their lives.



WHY ARE CIRCUSES THAT KEEP WILD ANIMALS CRUEL?

Circus animals depend on humans to feed and take care of them. If they were to choose, animals would never live in a cage at all and they would never do tricks. Why should they? Animals don't want to earn money or receive applause.

SAY
NO 
TO ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES

Children also depend upon adults and have to go to school to learn. The major difference between children and animals is that children get the freedom to choose for themselves once they've become adults, but circus animals never will. Wild animals, like lions, elephants, camels and even snakes should be where they belong, with their families, in the wild. Keeping them caged isn't fair. Don't you agree?

You can help, by telling your parents that you do not want to go to a circus that has animals in it. It is cruel to force animals to live in a cage their whole life, and to do tricks. There are circuses that do NOT have animals, that are as much, if not more, fun!



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WHAT IS ANIMAL CRUELTY?

Animal cruelty is when someone hurts an animal or does not care for an animal responsibly, like not giving a dog or cat food and water. Sometimes it is simply that people do not understand that what they are doing to an animal is causing the animal pain. Other times, people who have been hurt themselves will be cruel to animals because they think that is the only way to treat others.

If you see someone hurting an animal, or know of an animal who looks sick, injured or does not have food, water or shelter, you can do something about it. Tell an adult you trust and together you can call your local animal shelter.



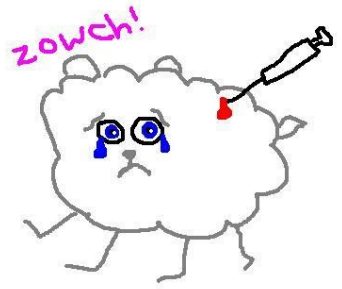
Being kind to animals also means we should not eat them. Would you eat your dog, cat, hamster or canary? They are no different to pigs, cows, sheep, chickens and even fish or any other animals who are killed for food. All animals can be happy, sad, love their families, can be scared and feel pain. It is easy to have burgers, hotdogs, pizza and other foods that are not made of dead animals, they are made of plants and taste really good! Vegetarians and vegans (who don't eat dairy or eggs) are usually much healthier. Lions and other carnivores have to eat meat, they don't have a choice. We are not carnivores and we are so lucky, because we can choose not to harm others! Being vegan or vegetarian is healthy for babies, children, adults, athletes, in fact, everyone!



USING ANIMALS FOR TESTING

Did you know that medicines and some of the shampoos, soaps and other products your mom or dad might use to clean the house are tried out on tiny mice, rats, rabbits or other animals to see if the animals get hurt when eating or touching these products? Animals either die during the tests from being fed too much medicine or soap, or they are killed after the tests.

Some people think that it's a good idea to test on animals; others, like us, say that it's wrong. There are other ways to test products. We can even use computers to find out if a medicine or shampoo will hurt us. You or your mom or dad can find our free list of products that are very safe and have not been tested on animals, on the Beauty Without Cruelty website



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There are cleaners and soaps and shampoos and sunblock and lots more that have been tested with computers or other ways, where no one was hurt at all!

BEING KIND TO ANIMALS IS FOR EVERYONE !

Being kind is not just for girls. Real men are kind to animals and anyone weaker than them. Bullies tease and are mean to others, including animals. Even Mike Tyson, world heavyweight boxing champion, has realised that being kind and compassionate is what real men do. Mike doesn't eat any animals or cheese and he doesn't drink milk anymore and he loves all animals, especially pigeons! He still gets to eat burgers and pizzas and other food that he likes! He's very healthy and fit not eating animals and you can be too! Ask us for free recipes!



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ANIMALS ARE NOT AS SMART AS PEOPLE, SO WHY CAN'T WE USE THEM?

Being smarter than someone else—another person or an animal—doesn't give you the right to harm them. In fact, it means we have more responsibility to be kind. People have the intelligence and ability to choose between behaviours that hurt others and those that do not. And some animals are really smart! Pigs can play video games, for example. See our KIDS CORNER on www.bwcsa.co.za to learn about animals.

WHY ARE PET SHOPS BAD FOR ANIMALS?

We like the shops that sell all sorts of things for our pets, like food, toys or medicine. But some pet shops sell animals like they are sweets— you see one, and you want to buy one. Sometimes the animals are not looked after at the pet shop and are not spayed to stop unwanted babies who may never find a loving home, or they go to homes where they can't be properly cared for.



If you and your family decide to have a dog or cat, please look at your local welfare society. There are thousands and thousands of loving animals who are desperate for a home. We don't need to order a special dog or cat because we think he is pretty, and often the very best pets are rescued from a welfare society. Older dogs and cats, especially, are usually already house-trained, and every bit as fun and good friends as younger animals.

Did you see the film *Rio*, about the bird who could not fly? Ask a parent to hire it for you. It is a fun film all about birds, but it does also explain why buying parrots and other birds to keep in a little cage is not kind.



Some fun films you may enjoy that are about animals, but that may make you think about animals differently: Chicken Run, Rio, Open Season, The Bee Movie, Charlotte's Web, Happy Feet, Free Birds.

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