

Why keeping animals in captivity is wrong

- 1. Animals have a life of their own; they are not just a means for human entertainment.**
- 2. Animals are more sensitive than we may think, so they do not like being restricted. Therefore, they may suffer from depression.**
- 3. Animals are more intelligent than we may think. They understand that they are being held captive and they suffer because of this. Furthermore, they may feel bored, as they lack the stimuli of their natural habitat.**
- 4. Many kinds of animals respond extremely badly at being held captive.**
- 5. It is very difficult, sometimes even impossible, to replicate an animal's habitat. Most of the times there is simply not enough room, or they feel lonely because there are no other animals of their own kind around.**
- 6. Some kinds of animals are very sociable, and they hate being separated from other animals of their kind. Captivation deprives them of their natural social structure and companionship.**
- 7. Most probably the training of animals in circuses involves cruelty, and even when it doesn't, their quality of life is poor.**

- 8. It is extremely difficult to determine whether the conditions in which animals live in parks and zoos are appropriate, because some agencies lack the necessary personnel or means to enforce the laws.**

Why keeping animals in captivity involves benefits

- 1. Keeping animals in captivity can prevent their extinction, since they do not suffer the consequences of human-related activities, like deforestation, pollution, or poaching.**
- 2. People can learn more about the animals and the natural world, so zoos educate the public about animals and conservation efforts.**
- 3. Animals in captivity receive better healthcare than those in the wild.**
- 4. People receive food from animals kept in captivity.**
- 5. Zoos produce helpful scientific research.**