

SHOULD ZOOS BE BANNED?

Many people question why zoos are there. Some say they are bad for the creatures that are there as they are wild animals, not pets. Others state that they and their children would not have seen or heard of any of those majestic creatures if the zoo had not been there. A majority of people believe that zoos make it less likely for the animals to go extinct. This text will take both sides of the argument into account to evaluate whether zoos should be banned or not.

Starting with arguments for banning zoos, some people think that zoos are cruel because they think the animals do not get enough space. In the wild cheetahs and other animals have territories the size of 6,000 football pitches, but in their territories in the zoos, they have round about a quarter of 1 football pitch. Some also think people are disturbing the animals, and that they should be wild and free not captive and disturbed. Dr Z.O.O. Ban said "Zoos are not what an animal needs. Animals need freedom." Many people agree with dr Ban. On the other hand, some people say that many zoos have helped animals near extinction, bred them and brought them back into the wilderness - the animals' home. Others say that they (and their children) would not have heard of a zebra or a cheetah so when they would have grown up they would not be aware of the animals so they might hurt the animals they might have loved because of that.

In summary, zoos may seem unkind to the animals kept there but they do an important job helping people understand how to protect them and help the animals in the wild. Perhaps the solution is to not ban zoos, but to make them as nice as possible for the animals. Then we can reduce the harm to the animals in the zoo but keep the benefits of zoos.