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Supporting and Promoting Ethics for the Animal Kingdom

## BREAK OUT OF THE ZOO HABIT!

Imagine being confined to one room of your house for life. Your only contact with other living beings is when food is shoved under the door or when humans gawk at you through the windows.

**TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THE FACTS. ZOOS ARE PRISONS WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.**

**MYTH** Zoos keep animals from becoming extinct.

**REALITY** Pandas have been in captivity for more than two decades, yet survival of offspring is still questionable. Man has driven many species to extinction, and then has compounded the atrocity by sentencing them to an artificial environmental to live unnatural lives.

**MYTH** Zoos allow animals to live out their lives in comfort and safety.

**REALITY** Zoos breed animals to have babies. This generates profits, but it also generates excess adults who are sold to canned hunts, game parks, laboratories and circuses and into a world of untold suffering, abuse, neglect and even death.

**MYTH** Zoo animals are happy and content.

**REALITY** Caged, chained and confined animals quickly learn the futility and repercussions of protesting and try to cope by adopting "stereotypic" behaviors to break the deadly monotony: pacing, weaving, rocking, sucking or chewing cage bars. Huge cats and giraffes, accustomed to running free and covering hundreds of miles, are forced to pace in a small enclosure. Is it any wonder some animals turn on their human captors or finally just go mad?

**MYTH** A live animal park is acceptable because it's not a zoo.

**REALITY** A zoo by any other name is still a zoo. Don't be fooled by words such as museum, wild animal park, safari, marine park, aquarium, game preserve or reptile farm. These animals are forced to live in a confined and unnatural environment, the same as a zoo.

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