

Zoos Should Close

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I believe zoos should close. It's not fair to the animals, being locked up in cages all day so people can stare at them. Dolphins swim 100s of miles a day and are put in aquariums the size of our classroom. Dolphins are also very smart and love their mothers. In the wild they live with their mothers for many years, but in zoos they are often not in the same aquarium. I read a book about chimps and one chimp who lived in a zoo went crazy, probably because his cage was too small. All he did was chew on old cigarette butts. Another chimp named Mimi knows over 300 words in sign language. She's as smart as a 2 year old. If chimps are in zoos why aren't toddlers? *Great point!*

You might say, "so you want me to fly to Africa to see a lion?" I would say that you should. If you can't, seeing a lion would not change you. You would not look at it very long, anyway. Five minutes of staring is definitely not worth ruining the lion's life. You might also say that the lion is already captured and looking at it would not hurt it. That's true but doing that is giving money to the zoo so it can support itself.

I think it would be fine if people made places where animals could live if they were hurt or sick. That would be good since they could not survive in the wild. People could still look at them but the animals should be given a larger space than they get in zoos. *This is why* _____.

Repeat your points.