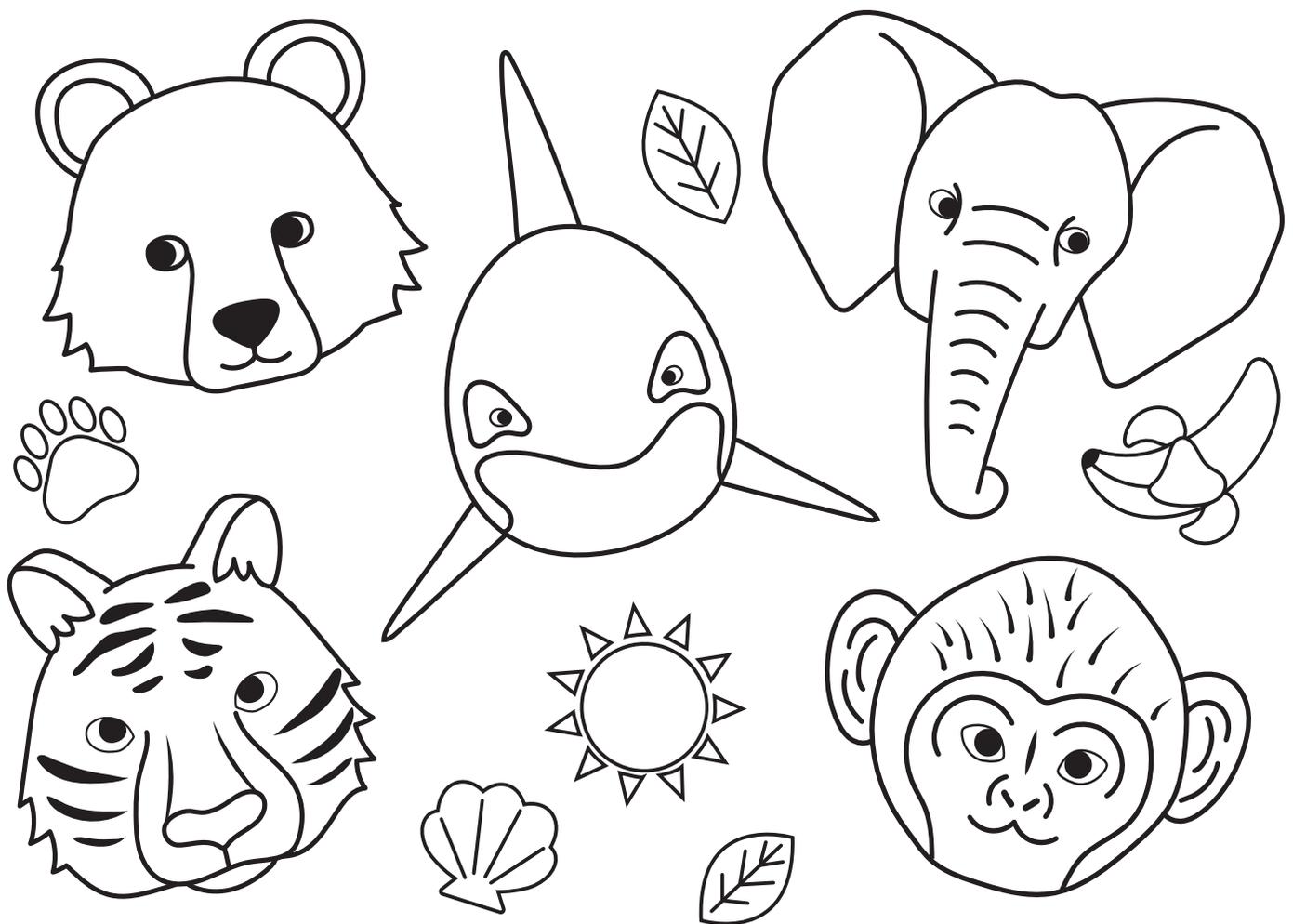


# LET ANIMALS BE FREE!

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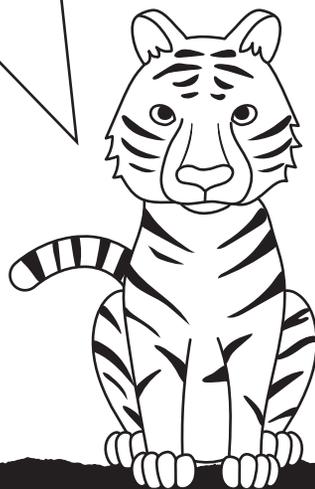
**Hi! I'm Sam the tiger.** I used to be sad because I was stuck inside a tiny cage at a circus—but not anymore! I was rescued, thanks to kind kids like you who realized that animals should be free. I helped my friends at PETA Kids make this booklet so that you can learn how to help animals like me.

Animals are a lot like you. We all love hanging out with our friends and families. We want to be free to choose what we eat, what we do, and how we live. Did you know that places like zoos, circuses, and marine parks take animals away from their families? Yup, they take them away from everything that they love and keep them in teensy cages and tanks. It's not fair!

My orca friends live in little tanks and are forced to do tricks. That's not what they want. My buddy Milo the monkey, who lives at a zoo, says, "Humans would hate it if they had to live like we do." He's right. Just imagine if you were grounded, even though you didn't do anything wrong, and you had to stay in a small room by yourself with nothing to do. Now, imagine that one side of the room had a big glass wall so that people could look at you whenever they wanted to. You wouldn't like that at all! Well, animals in zoos and marine parks are grounded for life.

Like you, all animals have their own personalities. We can also do pretty cool things—like, did you know that I can run as fast as your car? Or that dolphin families have their own special languages? You have a really cool power, too—you can save us! Use your special power of **empathy\*** to read our stories in this booklet and learn why animals don't like being in cages, tanks, or chains. Then, find out how you can help us be free!

—Sam



**! \*Empathy is the feeling that you get when you put yourself in someone else's shoes—or paws! It lets us see when something is hurting someone else so we can do something about it. So if we can see that animals don't like being in zoos and tanks and would rather be free—just as we would—then we understand that we shouldn't buy tickets to the zoo or a marine park like SeaWorld.**

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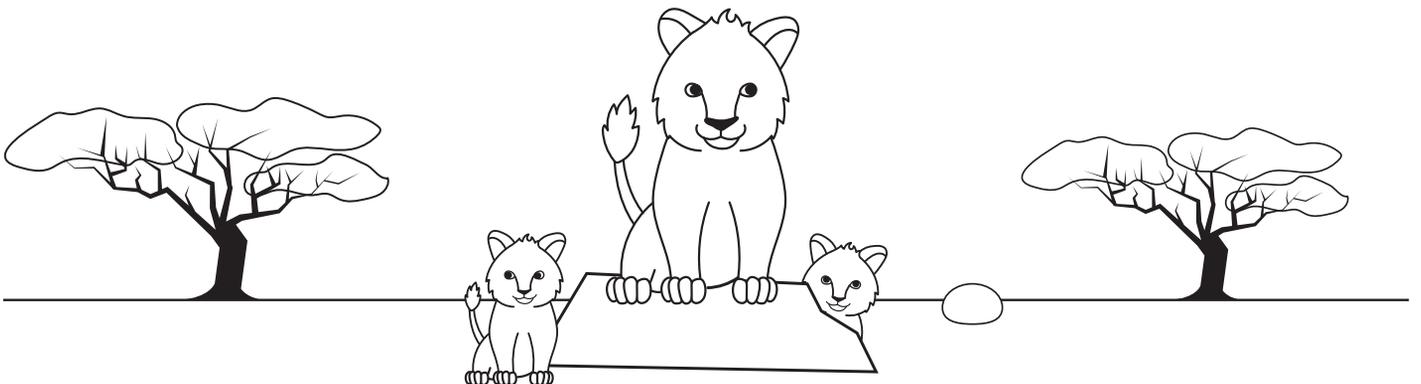
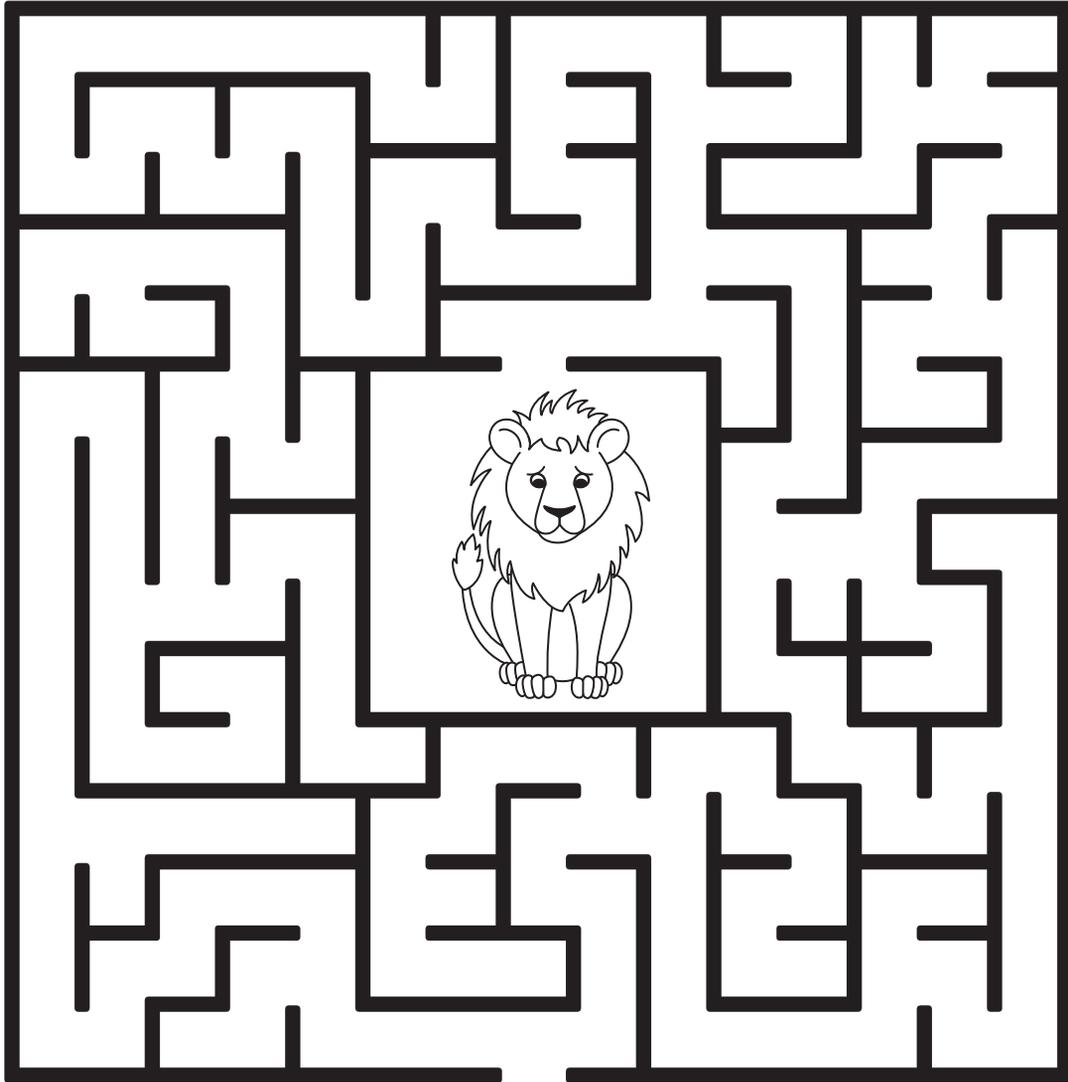
See what the lives of tigers and other animals used in circuses, zoos, and marine parks are really like. Learn how you can help give their stories a happy ending.

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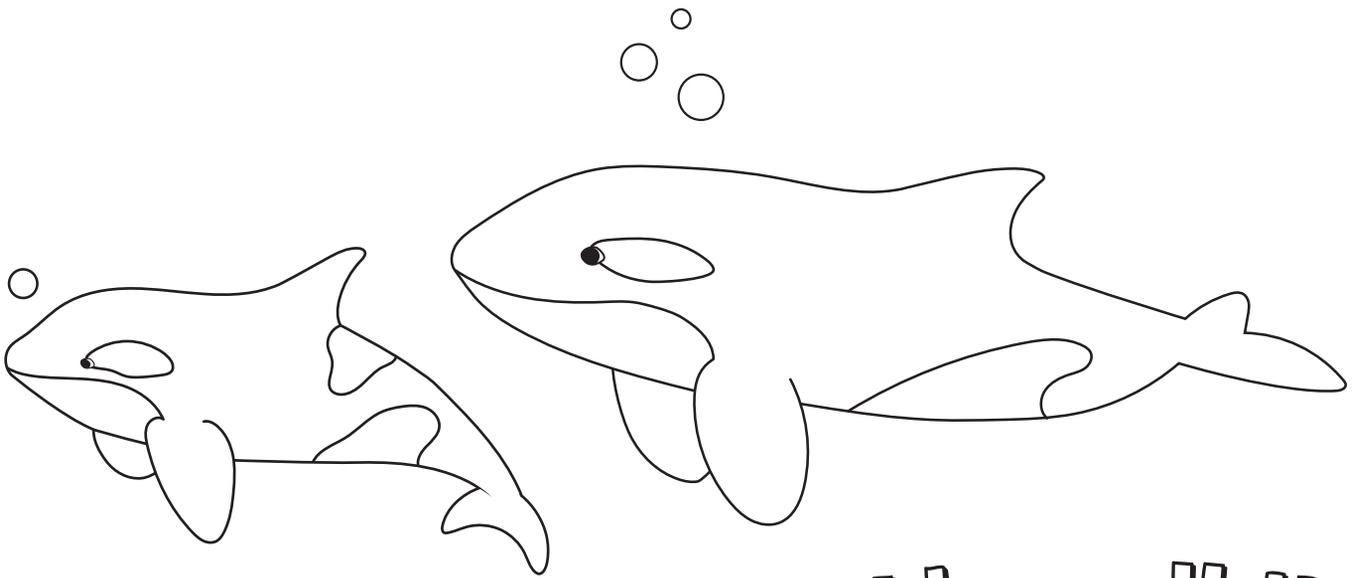
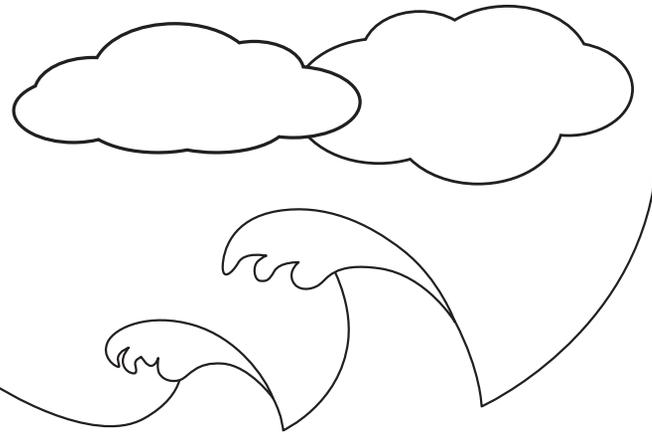


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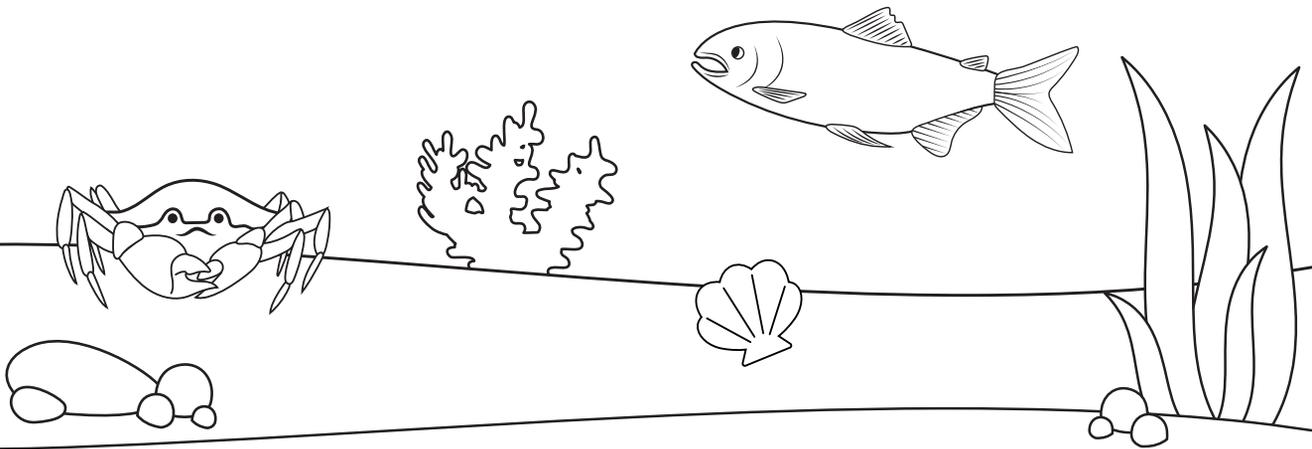


**... AND BE WITH HIS FAMILY AGAIN!**

**PETA**  
**kids**  
**Color Me!**



**Orcas belong in the wild!**



**Orcas love swimming in the ocean with their families. But orcas in marine parks are taken away from their families and forced to live in tiny tanks. How can you help them? Please, never go to SeaWorld.**

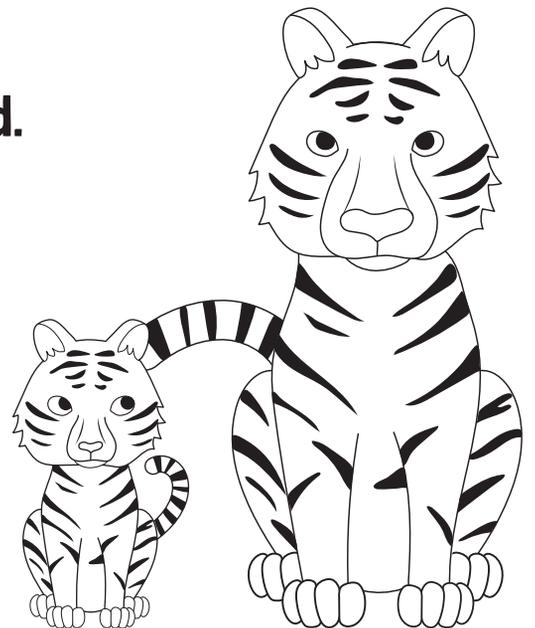
# LIFE IN THE CIRCUS

## WORD FIND

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**Read the facts below, and then search for the underlined words in the word find.**

- In the wild, tiger cubs stay with their mothers for up to three years, but in the circus, they're taken away from them when they're still babies.
- Tigers normally roam for miles every day, but in the circus, they live in cramped cages.
- Zebras are shy animals who avoid people, but in the circus, they have to perform in front of loud and scary crowds.
- Camels like to walk around and explore, but circuses keep them in small pens and trucks.
- Horses live in family herds and like to graze and run in fields, but circus life means spending most of their time in boxcars, trailers, and arena basements.

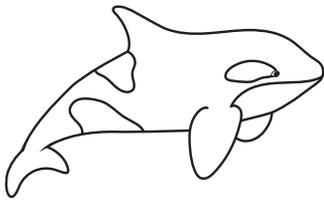


# MATCH GAME:

# GUESS MY GROUP!

We all know the names of the animals below, but do you know what to call a **GROUP** of them? Match the animal with the right group name.

1.



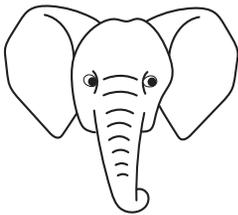
2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



a. Streak

b. Pride

c. Raft (in water) or colony (on land)

d. Pod

e. Troop

f. Parade





# A Tiger's Life



# Awesome Animals!

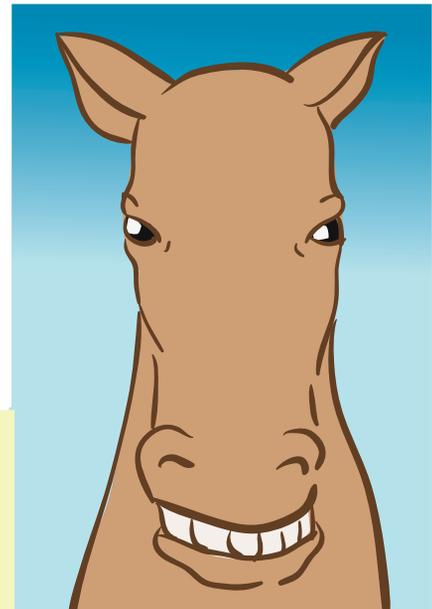
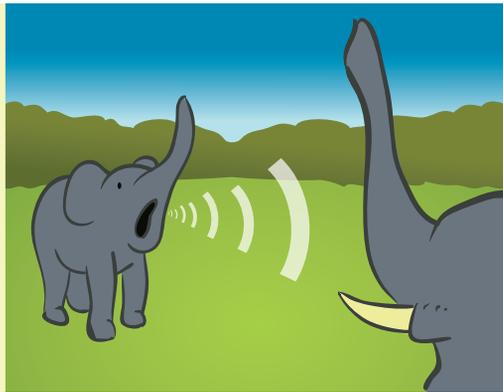
## DID YOU KNOW?

JUST LIKE THE CATS WHO LIVE IN OUR HOMES, TIGERS PURR WHEN THEY'RE HAPPY. AND A TIGER'S ROAR CAN BE HEARD A MILE AWAY!

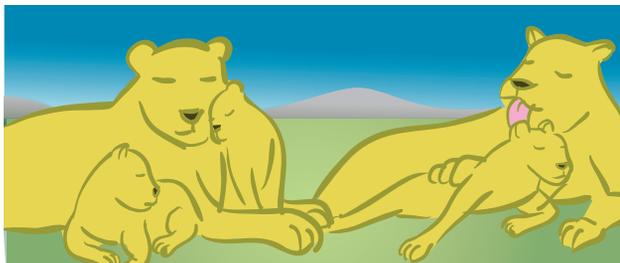


CAMELS ARE BORN WITHOUT HUMPS. MOMS AND BABIES ARE VERY CLOSE AND STAY TOGETHER FOR YEARS. WHEN BABY CAMELS WANT THEIR MOM'S ATTENTION, THEY MAKE A "BAA" SOUND, JUST LIKE A LITTLE LAMB.

ELEPHANTS TALK TO EACH OTHER. THEY USE AT LEAST 70 DIFFERENT TYPES OF CALLS TO COMMUNICATE.



LIKE US, HORSES SHOW THEIR FEELINGS ON THEIR FACES. THEY ALSO HAVE REALLY GOOD HEARING AND EYESIGHT. THEY HAVE ALMOST 360-DEGREE VISION, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY CAN SEE ALMOST EVERYTHING AROUND THEM WITHOUT MOVING THEIR HEADS!



LIONS LIVE IN CLOSE-KNIT FAMILY GROUPS CALLED "PRIDES." LION MOMS ARE VERY LOVING. THEY RAISE THEIR CUBS TOGETHER AND TAKE CARE OF ORPHAN CUBS WHO NEED A MOM.

IN A HERD, ZEBRAS' STRIPES BLEND TOGETHER AND MAKE IT HARD FOR PREDATORS TO SEE ONE INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL. NO TWO ZEBRAS HAVE THE SAME PATTERN OF STRIPES—THEY'RE ONE -OF -A- KIND, JUST LIKE OUR FINGERPRINTS.





KIDS, QUIET, PLEASE! NEXT, PLEASE WELCOME CHRIS' UNCLE GABE AND AUNT ANGELA TO OUR CLASSROOM!



MY AUNT AND UNCLE ARE NEXT. THEY'VE GOT THE COOLEST JOBS EVER!



WOW!

WHOA!

THAT'S AWESOME!

GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND WELCOME TO THE GREATEST CAREER DAY PRESENTATION ON EARTH!



TODAY, WE'RE HERE TO TELL YOU WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE IN A CIRCUS. I'M THE RINGMASTER, SO IT'S MY JOB TO SHOW YOU ALL THE PERFORMERS.

I'M A TRAPEZE ARTIST.





WE ALSO HAVE CLOWNS!



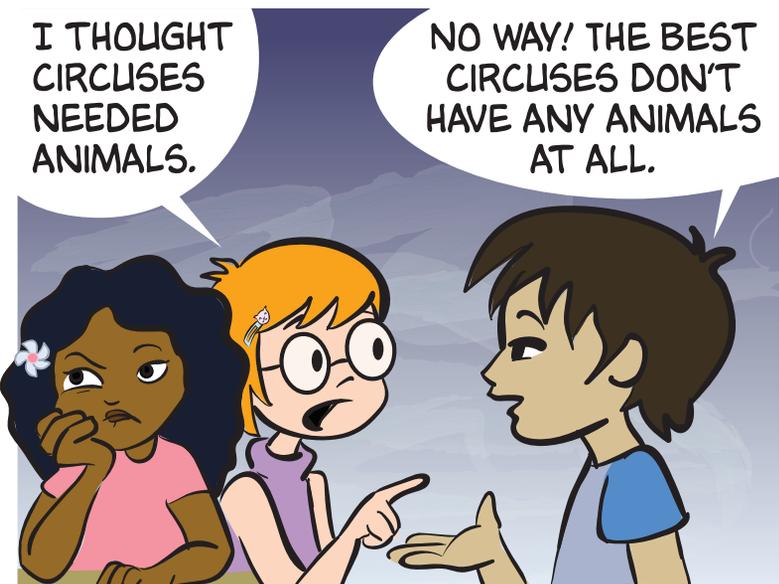
AND AWESOME ACROBATS WHO DO DARING ACTS!



BUT WHAT ABOUT ANIMALS?



MY UNCLE AND AUNT WORK AT A CIRCUS THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY ANIMALS.



I THOUGHT CIRCUSES NEEDED ANIMALS.

NO WAY! THE BEST CIRCUSES DON'T HAVE ANY ANIMALS AT ALL.

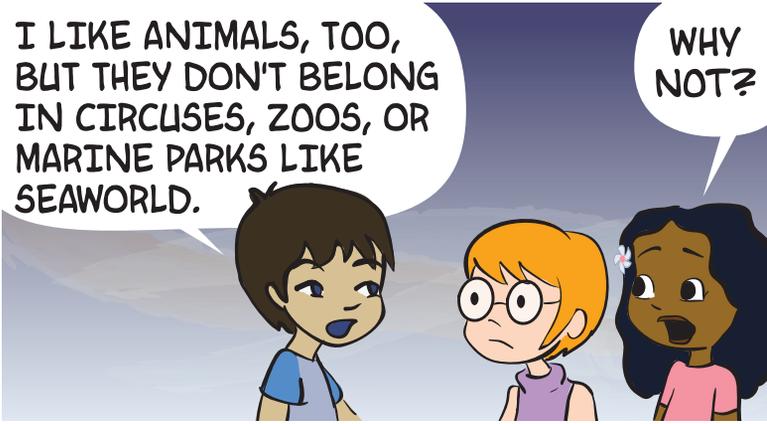


BUT NEXT MONTH, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GO ON A FIELD TRIP TO A CIRCUS THAT HAS ANIMALS. I'M SO EXCITED TO SEE THE TIGERS DO TRICKS. THEY'RE MY FAVORITE ANIMAL!

ORCAS ARE MY FAVORITE ANIMAL. I SAW THEM AT SEA-WORLD!

I LIKE ANIMALS, TOO, BUT THEY DON'T BELONG IN CIRCUSES, ZOOS, OR MARINE PARKS LIKE SEAWORLD.

WHY NOT?



YOU LIKE ANIMALS, SO YOU WOULDN'T LIKE TO SEE THEM KEPT IN CAGES OR TANKS WHERE THEY'RE UNHAPPY, WOULD YOU?



OF COURSE NOT!

NO!



WELL, BEING IN CAPTIVITY MAKES ANIMALS LIKE ORCAS SAD.



IN THE WILD, ORCAS SPEND THEIR WHOLE LIVES WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND SWIM UP TO 140 MILES A DAY. BUT AT SEAWORLD, THEY'RE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES. THEIR TANKS ARE SO SMALL THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO SWIM IN CIRCLES ALMOST 2,000 TIMES A DAY TO GO THE SAME DISTANCE AS THEY WOULD IN THE OCEAN.



ANIMALS IN ZOOS OFTEN LIVE IN SPACES THAT ARE THOUSANDS OF TIMES SMALLER THAN THEIR REAL HOMES. PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS STARING AT THEM, AND THEY FEEL FRUSTRATED, SAD, AND LONELY. THEY CAN'T RUN, PLAY, OR EVEN CHOOSE THEIR FRIENDS.

WHY DO YOU LIKE TIGERS SO MUCH, OLIVIA?



TIGERS ARE THE LARGEST MEMBER OF THE CAT FAMILY. THEY'RE ABOUT 50 TIMES BIGGER THAN MY CAT, TOM!



ALL WILD TIGERS LIVE IN ASIA.



TIGER MOTHERS CAN HAVE UP TO SIX CUBS AT A TIME! THEY SHOW THEIR CUBS HOW TO DO EVERYTHING. IT TAKES ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF BEFORE THEY CAN FIND FOOD ON THEIR OWN. THEY STAY WITH THEIR MOMS UNTIL THEY'RE 2 OR 3 YEARS OLD.



CUBS BOND WITH THEIR MOMS BY RUBBING FACES. MOMS SHOW LOVE BY LICKING THEIR CUBS.



CLUBS SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME PLAYING WITH EACH OTHER AND LEARNING HOW TO FIND FOOD BY PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH THEIR MOM.



TIGERS ARE SO COOL! THAT'S WHY I WANT TO SEE THEM UP CLOSE.



ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES ARE TOO SAD TO BEHAVE NORMALLY, BECAUSE THEY'RE KEPT IN CAGES.



I USED TO WORK IN A CIRCUS THAT USED ANIMALS. THAT'S WHERE I MET A BEAUTIFUL TIGER NAMED SAM.



SAM HAS THE SAME STORY AS MOST CAPTIVE ANIMALS. HE WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM HIS MOM RIGHT AFTER HE WAS BORN, AND HE NEVER SAW HER AGAIN.



TIGERS ARE REALLY SCARED OF FIRE, BUT SAM WAS EVEN MORE SCARED OF HIS TRAINERS, BECAUSE THEY HIT HIM EVERY TIME HE DIDN'T DO WHAT THEY SAID. ANIMALS IN THE CIRCUS DO TRICKS ONLY BECAUSE THEY'RE SCARED THAT THEIR TRAINERS WILL HURT THEM.

BABY ELEPHANTS ARE CHAINED UP AND HIT WITH WHIPS OR SHARP METAL HOOKS.



HORSES, ZEBRAS, AND CAMELS ARE HURT, TOO.



BETWEEN ACTS, ANIMALS ARE KEPT IN CAGES OR PENS. USUALLY, THE ONLY TIME THEY GET TO BE OUTSIDE THEIR CAGES IS WHEN THEY HAVE TO DO TRICKS IN FRONT OF A CROWD.

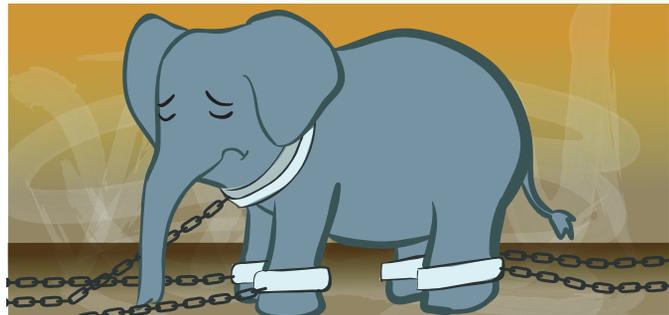


SAM WAS FORCED TO LIVE IN A TINY, DIRTY CAGE. HE HAD TO EAT, DRINK, SLEEP, AND EVEN GO TO THE BATHROOM ALL IN THE SAME SMALL SPACE.



ELEPHANTS ARE CHAINED BY THE LEGS SO THAT THEY CAN'T MOVE. SOMETIMES, THEY'RE CHAINED SO TIGHTLY BY THE NECK THAT THEY CAN'T EVEN MOVE THEIR HEADS.

CIRCUSES TRAVEL FROM TOWN TO TOWN. THAT MEANS THAT ANIMALS ARE LOCKED IN BOXCARS FOR DAYS AT A TIME, EVEN IN VERY HOT OR VERY COLD WEATHER AND OFTEN WITHOUT FOOD, WATER, OR VETERINARY CARE.



FOR ANIMALS, LIFE IN THE CIRCUS IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM LIFE IN THE WILD.



## IN THE WILD

TIGERS LOVE THE WATER AND ARE GREAT SWIMMERS! THEY COOL OFF IN STREAMS ON HOT DAYS AND BEAT THE HEAT BY RESTING IN THE SHADE.

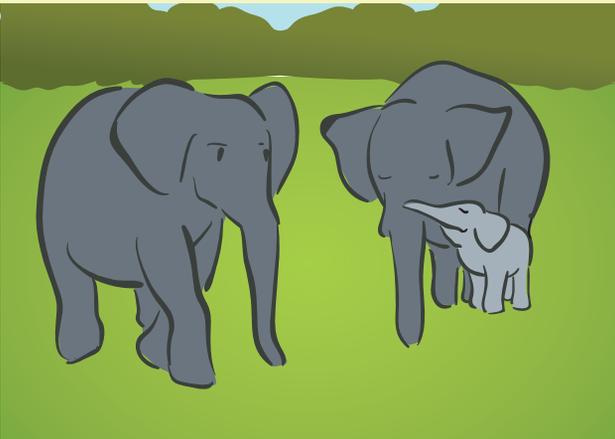


## IN THE CIRCUS

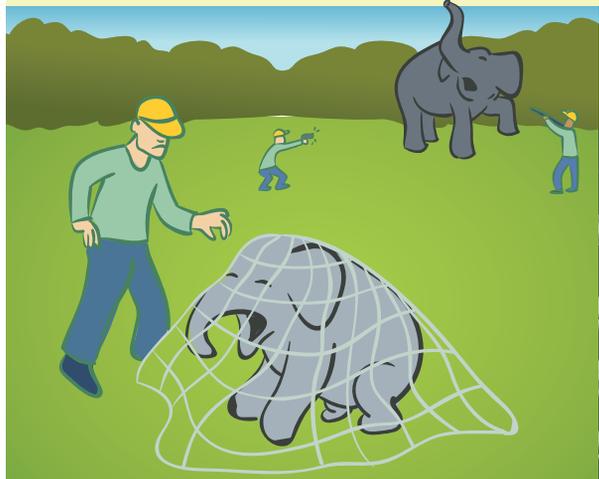
TIGERS SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME IN TINY CAGES, SOMETIMES IN THE HOT SUN WITHOUT ANY SHADE OR WATER.



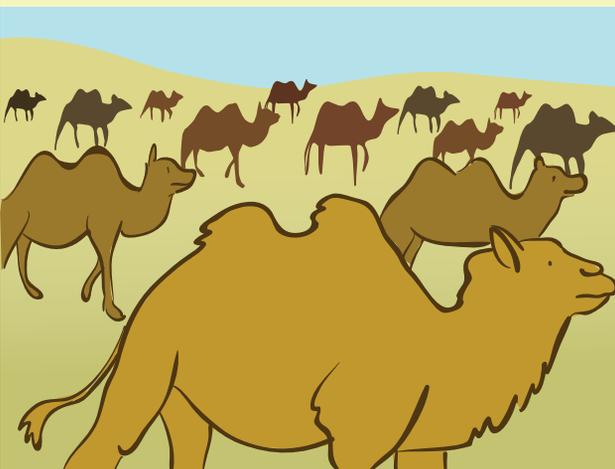
FEMALE ELEPHANTS STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES FOREVER. MALE ELEPHANTS STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES FOR 10 TO 15 YEARS.



ELEPHANTS ARE TORN AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES WHEN THEY'RE STILL BABIES.



CAMELS LIVE IN HERDS AND ROAM AROUND THE DESERT WITH UP TO 30 OTHER CAMELS.



CAMELS HARDLY GET ANY EXERCISE AND NEVER GET A CHANCE TO MUNCH ON GRASS.



## IN THE WILD

LIONS SPEND UP TO 20 HOURS RELAXING AND NAPPING TOGETHER EVERY DAY. THEY'RE MUCH MORE ACTIVE AT NIGHT.



## IN THE CIRCUS

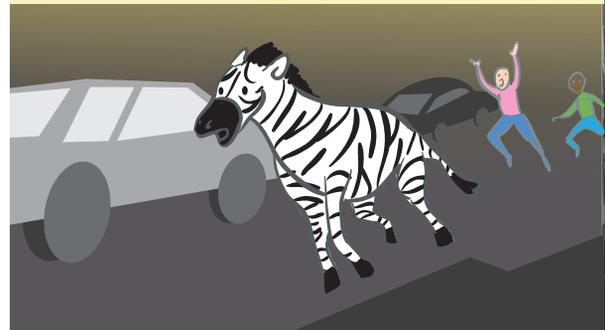
LIONS ARE FORCED TO DO TRICKS DURING THE DAY AND AREN'T ALLOWED TO HANG OUT WITH EACH OTHER WHEN THEY WANT TO.



ZEBRAS LOVE THEIR FAMILIES. THEY TRAVEL IN LARGE HERDS, GRAZING TOGETHER, AND WILL OFTEN FORM A PROTECTIVE CIRCLE AROUND ANY HERD MEMBER WHO IS IN DANGER OR GETS HURT.



ZEBRAS ARE OFTEN FORCED TO LIVE WITH OTHER ZEBRAS THEY DON'T LIKE, AND SOMETIMES, THEY FIGHT. THEY'RE SO MISERABLE IN THE CIRCUS THAT MANY TRY TO ESCAPE BUT END UP INJURING THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.



HORSES ARE FRIENDLY ANIMALS WHO GROOM EACH OTHER AND LIKE TO BE AROUND OTHER HORSES.



HORSES ARE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR FRIENDS. LOUD NOISES AND MEANINGLESS STUNTS SCARE THEM, AND IT'S EASY FOR THEM TO GET HURT.



ALL ANIMALS HAVE A HARD TIME IN THE CIRCUS.



WE REALIZED THAT THE CIRCUS WE WORKED FOR JUST USED ANIMALS TO MAKE MONEY. THE OWNERS DIDN'T CARE IF THE ANIMALS WERE SAD OR GOT SICK. SO WE QUIT.



BUT NOT BEFORE WE HELPED SAM.



SAM WAS SO STRESSED OUT THAT HE STARTED TO GO CRAZY AND PACE BACK AND FORTH IN HIS CAGE.



THE OWNERS OF THE CIRCUS HAD TO PAY A FINE FOR MISTREATING ANIMALS, SO THEY DECIDED TO SELL SAM.

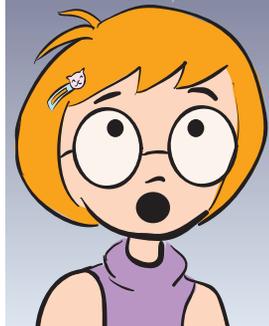


WE DIDN'T WANT HIM TO GO TO ANOTHER CIRCUS OR ONE OF THOSE AWFUL ROADSIDE ZOOS, SO WE RAISED ENOUGH MONEY TO RESCUE HIM.



I HELPED, TOO!

WHERE IS HE NOW?



COME ON, GUYS!  
I'LL SHOW YOU.



THIS IS THE WEBSITE FOR THE BIG-CAT  
SANCTUARY WHERE SAM LIVES NOW.  
HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING  
HURT OR LIVING IN A TINY CAGE ANYMORE!



LOOK!  
THERE  
HE IS ON  
THE LIVE  
CAMERA

HE LOOKS  
SO HAPPY!



## WHAT YOU CAN DO!

DON'T GO TO CIRCUSES, ZOOS, MARINE PARKS, AQUARIUMS, OR ANY ATTRACTION THAT USES CAPTIVE ANIMALS! IF PEOPLE STOPPED PAYING TO SEE TIGERS, ZEBRAS, AND OTHER ANIMALS, THESE PLACES WOULD STOP USING THEM. WE NEED TO LET THESE PLACES KNOW THAT WE DON'T WANT ANIMALS TO BE HELD CAPTIVE FOR OUR ENTERTAINMENT.



SPEAK UP FOR ANIMALS! TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHY ANIMALS SHOULD BE FREE!



ASK YOUR PARENTS TO TELL LOCAL OFFICIALS THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO GO TO CIRCUSES THAT USE ANIMALS AND THAT THEY WANT TO SEE ANIMAL CIRCUSES BANNED!



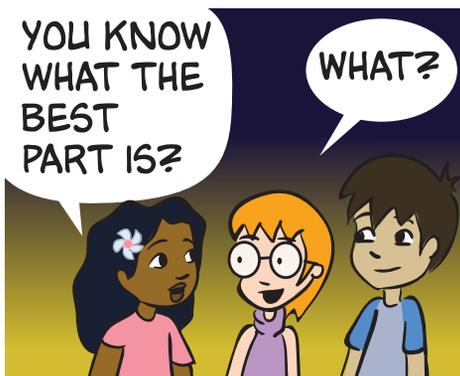
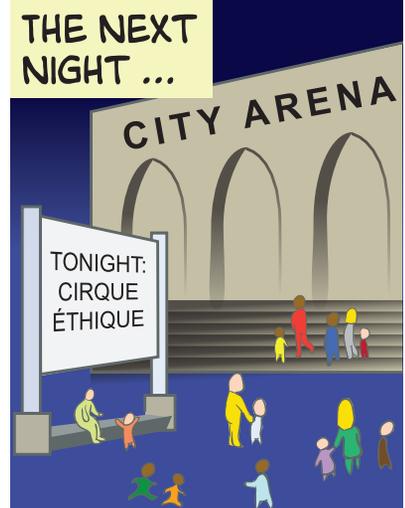
LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP ANIMALS. CONTACT GROUPS THAT PROTECT AND CARE FOR THEM.



HEY, KIDS, I KNOW SOMETHING ELSE WE CAN DO. LET'S CANCEL OUR CIRCUS FIELD TRIP AND DONATE THE MONEY THAT WE WERE GOING TO USE TO BUY TICKETS TO HELP SAM AND OTHER CAPTIVE ANIMALS INSTEAD. WE CAN WATCH SAM AT THE SANCTUARY!



THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU KIDS CAN'T GO TO A FUN CIRCUS.



# HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

## ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY VS. ANIMALS IN THE WILD

Take a quick quiz to see how much you know about animals in the circus and what they really love to do

**1. One thing that tigers like to do is:**

- a. jump through a flaming hoop.
- b. cool off in a mountain stream.
- c. dance on their hind legs.

**2. If orcas could choose how to spend their lives, what would they do?**

- a. live in the ocean with their families.
- b. do tricks for food.
- c. swim in circles in a tiny tank.

**3. One of a zebra's favorite activities is:**

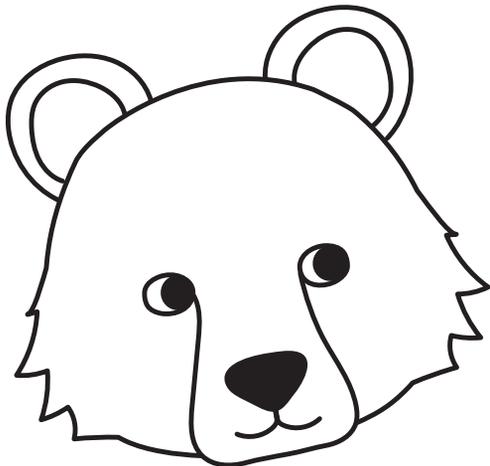
- a. running around in a circle while being threatened by someone with a whip.
- b. sleeping standing up.
- c. being hauled from town to town in a trailer.

**4. Elephants' trunks are important because they:**

- a. help them balance on a ball.
- b. give the person riding on their back something to hang on to.
- c. can reach up into trees to collect leaves and fruit to eat.



**! “Captivity” is like being in jail. It means being kept in one place, like a cage, and not being allowed to leave. Animals in circuses, zoos, marine parks, aquariums, petting zoos, and other places are forced to live in captivity.**



## Animal-Friendly Reading List

Hey, kids! Reading is very important, especially in the summertime when you're out of school. So why not make it fun by learning how you can help animals?

Below is a list of our favorite books. Check with your local library to find these and others.

***The Animal Boogie*** by Debbie Harter  
***Animal Fact/Animal Fable*** by Seymour Simon  
***Because of Winn-Dixie*** by Kate DiCamillo  
***Bernie Knows Best!*** by Mark Weston  
***Black Beauty*** by Anna Sewell  
***Charlotte's Web*** by E.B. White  
***Deep in the Jungle*** by Dan Yaccarino  
***Diary of a Worm*** by Doreen Cronin  
***The Forgotten Door*** by Alexander Key  
***Friends of All Creatures*** by Rose Evans  
***The Girl and the Elephant***  
by Nicole de Cock  
***Going Through the Gate***  
by Janet S. Anderson  
***Make Way for Ducklings***  
by Robert McCloskey

***The One and Only Ivan***  
by Katherine Applegate  
***One Day at Wood Green Animal Shelter***  
by Patricia Casey  
***One Dog and His Boy*** by Eva Ibbotson  
***On Parade*** by Rob Laidlaw  
***Perfect the Pig*** by Susan Jeschke  
***Samantha: A Story of Friendship***  
by Sergio Bambarén  
***Saving Emily*** by Nicholas Read  
***Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog  
Who Became Best Friends***  
by Carol Buckley  
***Vegan Is Love*** by Ruby Roth  
***When Anju Loved Being an Elephant***  
by Wendy Henrichs

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