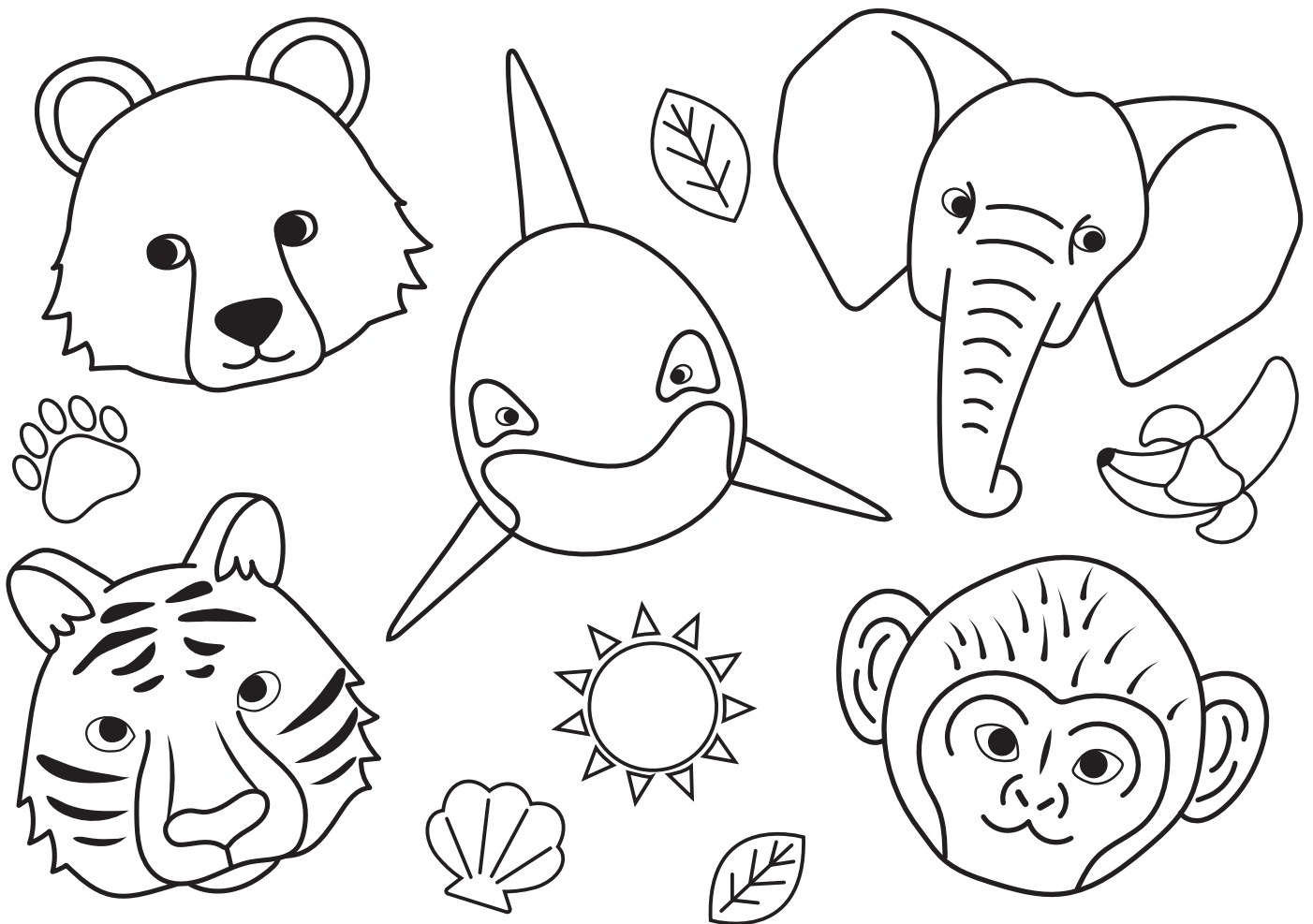


LET ANIMALS BE FREE!

PETAkids ACTIVITY BOOK



Free Poster and Stickers Inside!

Hi! I'm Sam the tiger. I used to be sad because I was stuck in a cage at the 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 roadside 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 cages and tanks. It's not fair!

My orca friends live in concrete tanks and are forced to do tricks. That's not what they want. My buddy Milo the monkey, who lives in a roadside 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 roadside 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*** as you 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 set us free!

—Sam



***Empathy is the feeling that we get when we put ourselves 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 cages and tanks and would rather be free—just as we would—then we understand that we shouldn't buy tickets to a roadside zoo or a marine park like SeaWorld.**

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Lions don’t want to be in the circus. They want to live with their friends and families in their natural homes—like rainforests, swamps, or deserts. Help Leo leave the circus behind so he can be with his family!

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Orcas at marine parks like SeaWorld live in tanks so small that to them, it’s like living in a bathtub. Could you live in your bathtub? No way! Use bright colors to color in the beautiful ocean—an orca’s real home.

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In nature, elephants and many other animals live with their families and spend most of their lives together. And they always take care of each other. In the circus, they never get to choose where they go or what they do.

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Life at a roadside zoo can be pretty lonely for animals. They all want to hang out with their families and friends, but they can’t. In nature, animals live in groups. Do you know what a group of penguins is called? Find out!

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Animals in circuses don’t have much to think about except how lonely and sad they are. Put your thinking cap on, and use the word bank to figure out the answers to the puzzle.

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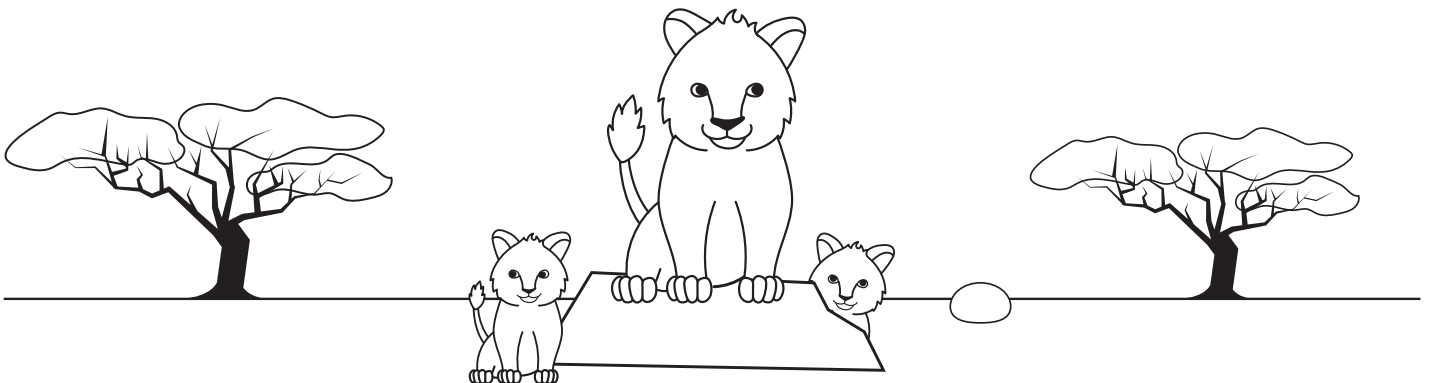
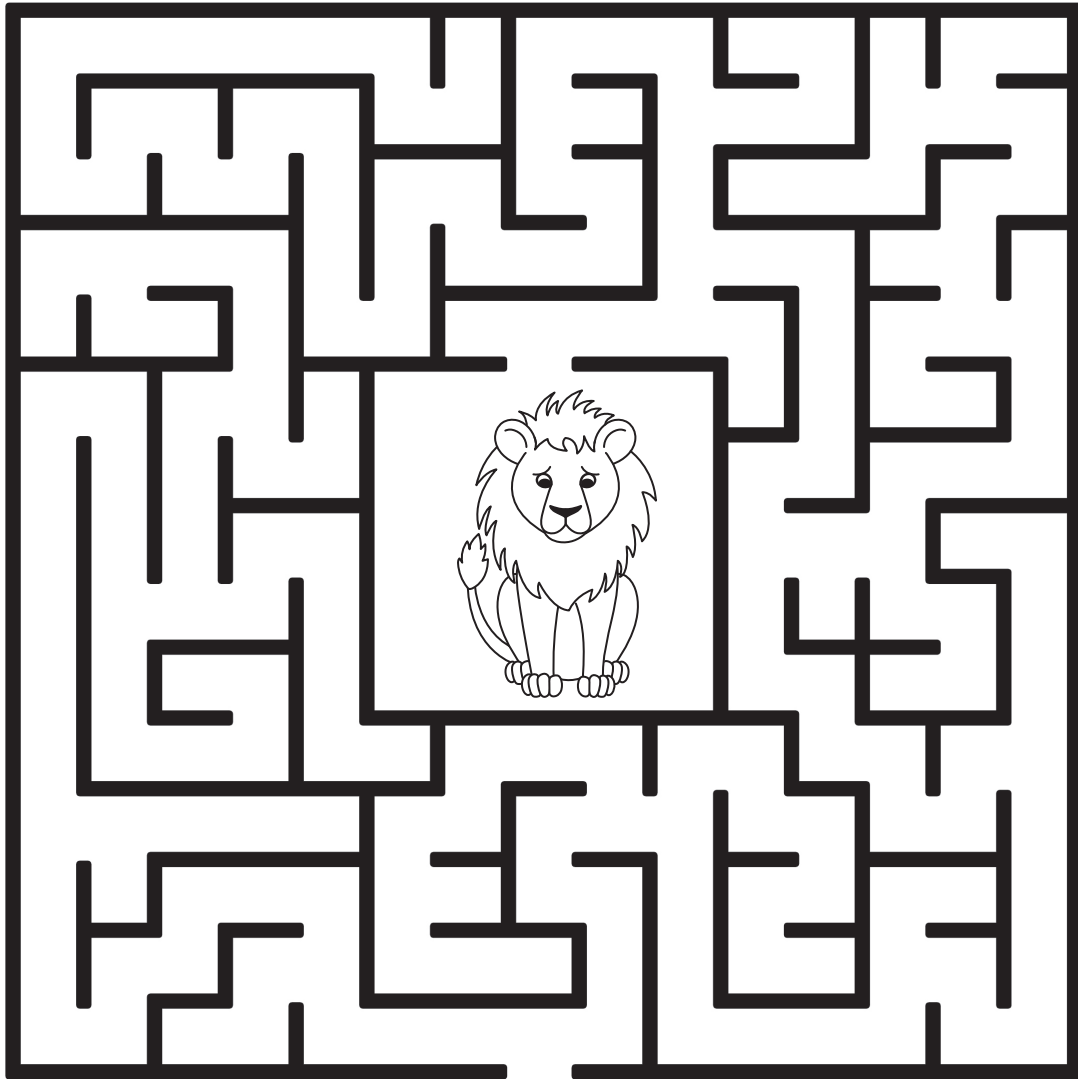
See what the lives of tigers and other animals used in circuses, roadside zoos, and marine parks are really like. Learn how you can help give their stories a happy ending.

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What do animals want more than anything?

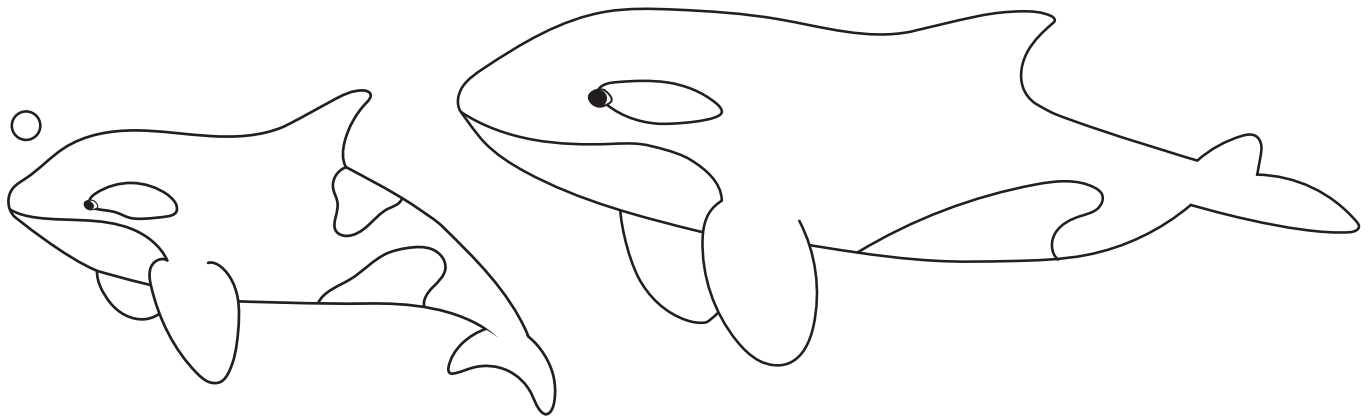


HELP LEO LEAVE THE CIRCUS ...

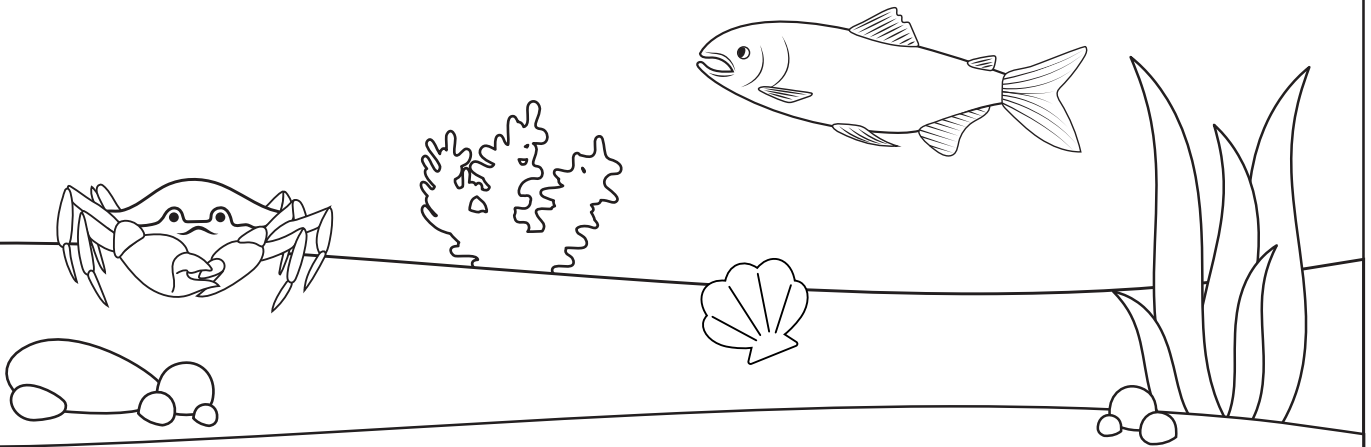


... AND BE WITH HIS FAMILY AGAIN!

PETA
kids
Color Me!



Orcas belong in the ocean!



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

LIFE IN THE CIRCUS

WORD FIND

U E A L N H S L Y J K H J A I A W S Q U
D L I W H O O H K S Z F M S E Q Y R W E
S C A M E L S R C P T V I H R R K E H A
O E C N W U S A S K O Y I T F J G G S I
D V I Q U A R E O E C S U N P Q H I W K
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A S V B A Q L D U Z T A I U A E Z R M K
F P E X Q B U A E N K G N Y C O L K A Q
R Z U N B K R W L G M E Q M C G M U O G
B S M H T G D Q C N W S Y V P V Y N R Q

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 trailers and arena basements.

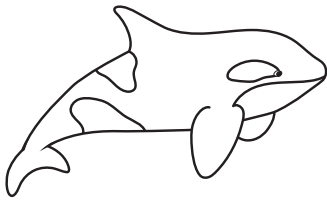


MATCH GAME:

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.

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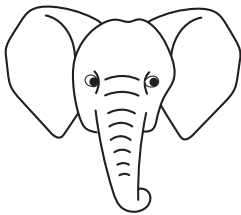
2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



a. Streak

b. Pride

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

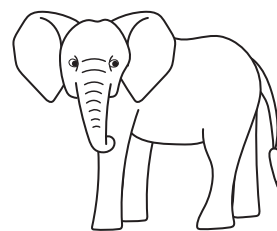
d. Pod

e. Troop

f. Parade

CIRCUSES

HURT ANIMALS



Use the word bank to help you complete the crossword puzzle and show what you know about the lives of animals in the circus.

ACROSS

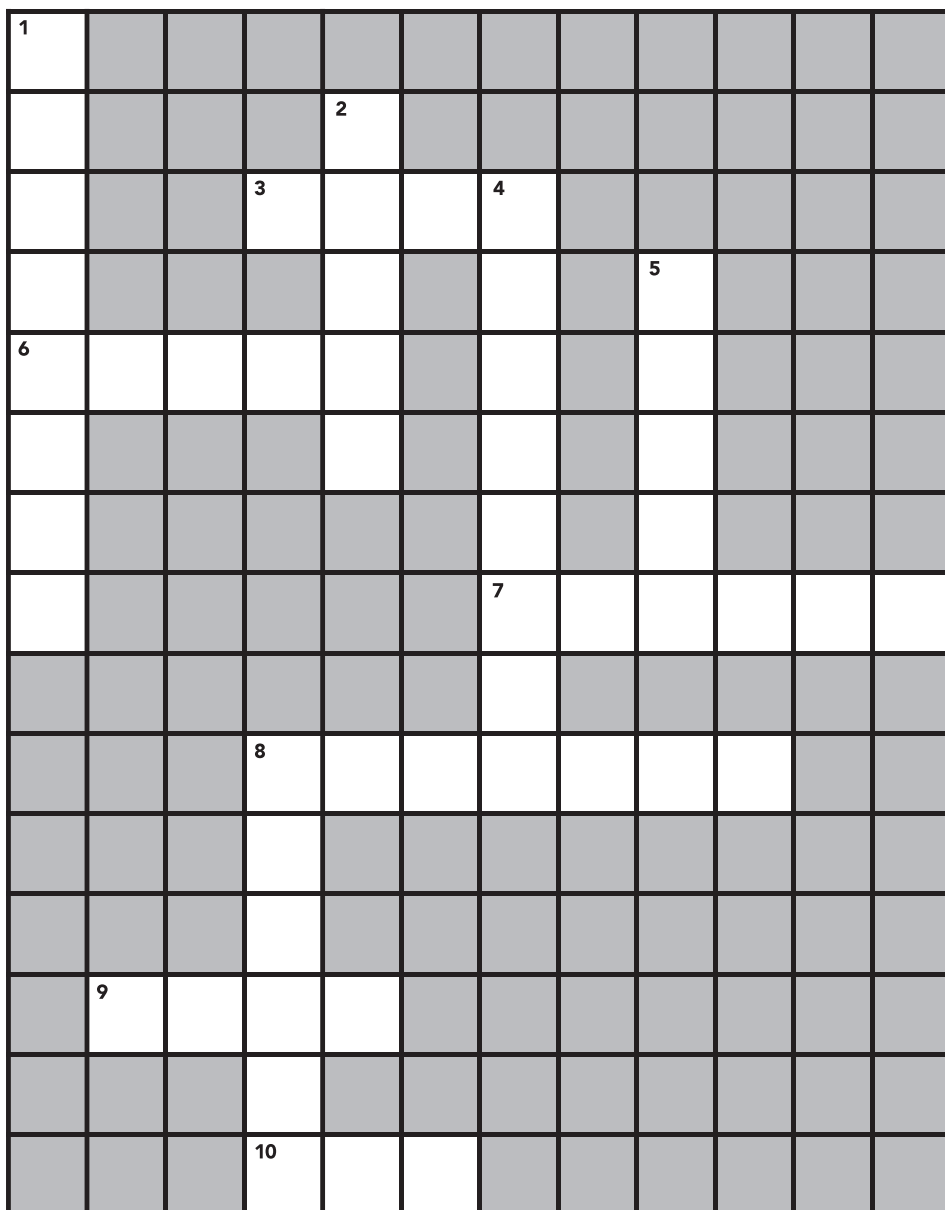
3. The circus makes me live in this.
6. I wish I could be running in a meadow.
7. When they make me do tricks,
I feel _____.
8. They dress me up in this.
9. They use this to hurt me and
make me do tricks.
10. This is how I feel.

DOWN

1. This training tool hurts me.
2. I belong in the desert.
4. I'm a large animal with a trunk.
5. I'm a wild cat with stripes.
8. They put these on my front
and back legs.

WORD BANK

- | | |
|----------|---------|
| Horse | Tiger |
| Camel | Costume |
| Bullhook | Chains |
| Cage | Whip |
| Elephant | Sad |
| Afraid | |



Across: 3. Cage, 6. Horse, 7. Horse, 8. Costume, 9. Tiger, 10. Chains
Down: 1. Whip, 2. Bullhook, 4. Camel, 5. Elephant, 8. Chains



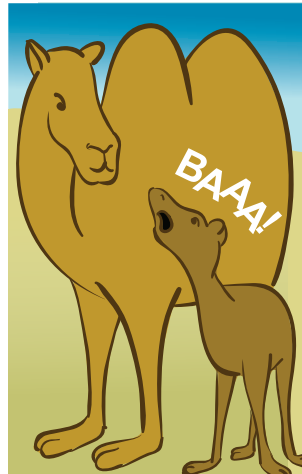
A Tiger's Life



Awesome Animals!

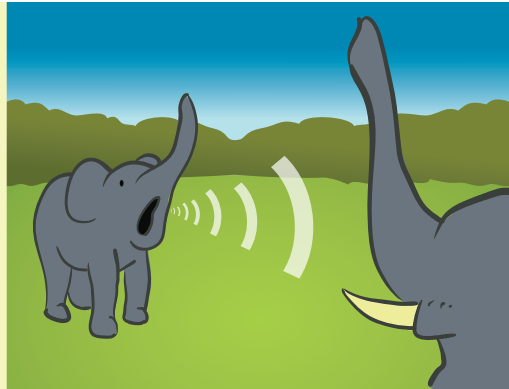
DID YOU KNOW?

WHILE MOST CATS DESPISE WATER, TIGERS LOVE BATHING TO HELP THEMSELVES STAY COOL.

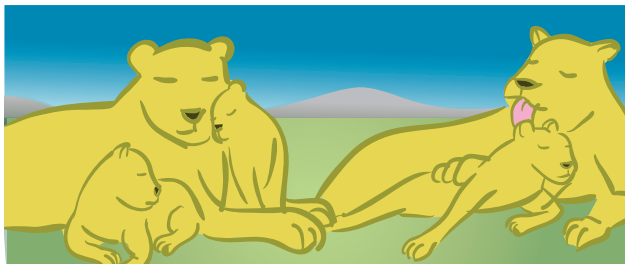
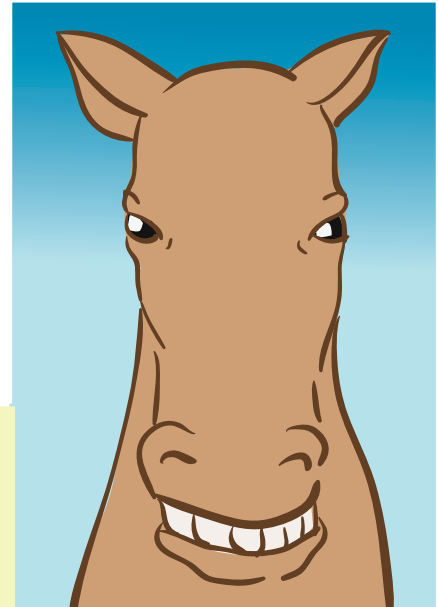


CAMELS ARE BORN WITHOUT HUMPS. MOMS AND BABIES ARE VERY CLOSE AND STAY TOGETHER FOR YEARS. WHEN BABY CAMELS WANT THEIR MOM'S ATTENTION, THEY MAKE A "BAA" SOUND, JUST LIKE A LITTLE LAMB.

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.

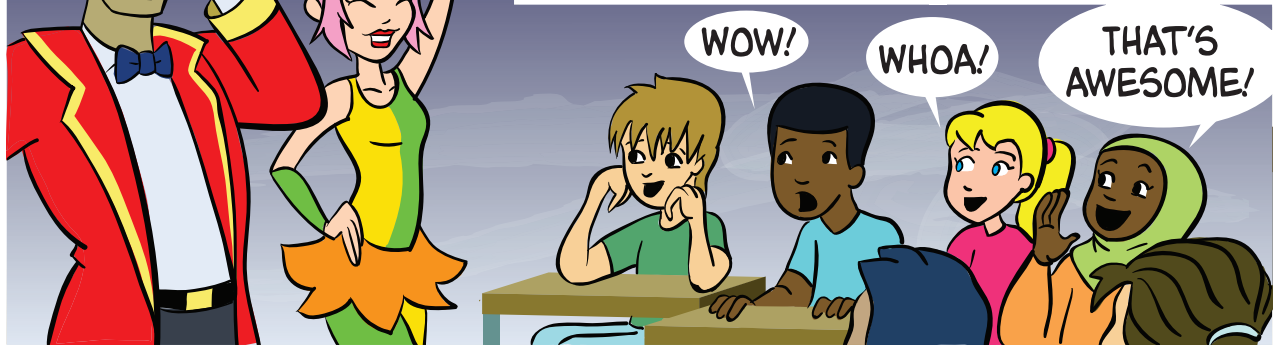




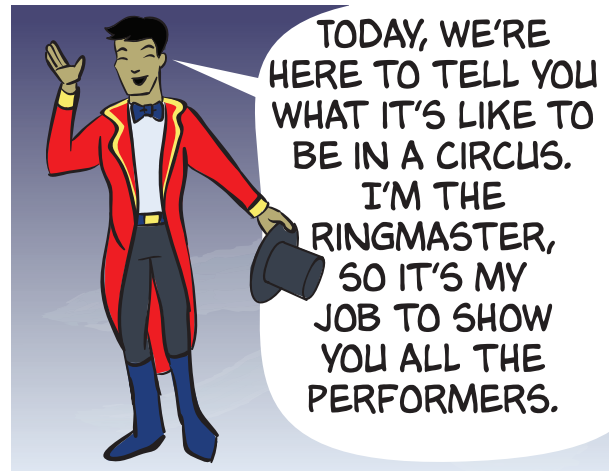
KIDS, QUIET, PLEASE! NEXT, PLEASE WELCOME CHRIS' UNCLE GABE AND AUNT ANGELA TO OUR CLASSROOM!



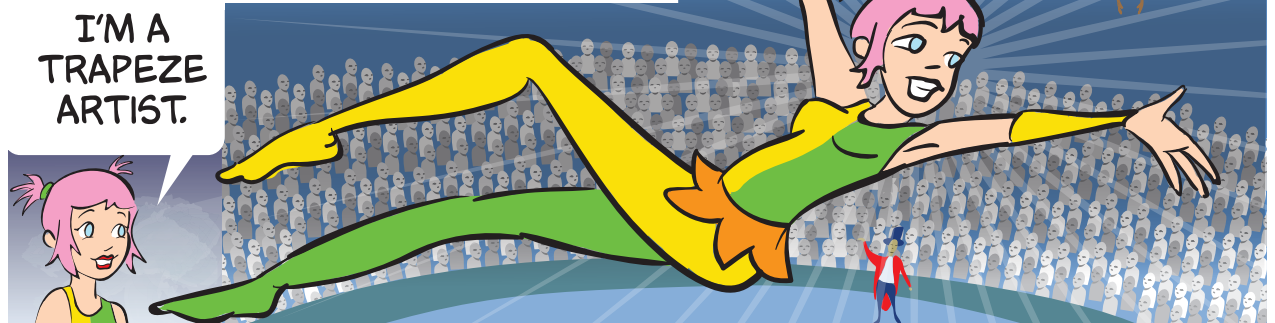
MY AUNT AND UNCLE ARE NEXT. THEY'VE GOT THE COOLEST JOBS EVER!

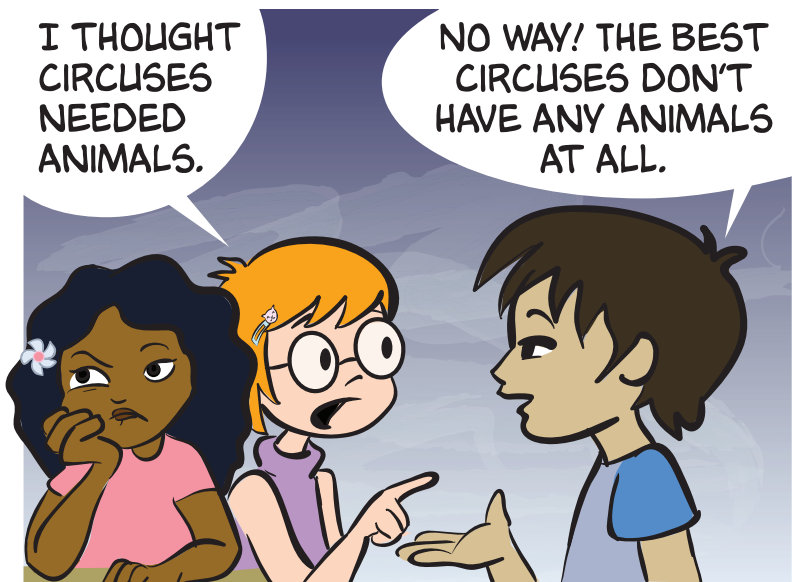
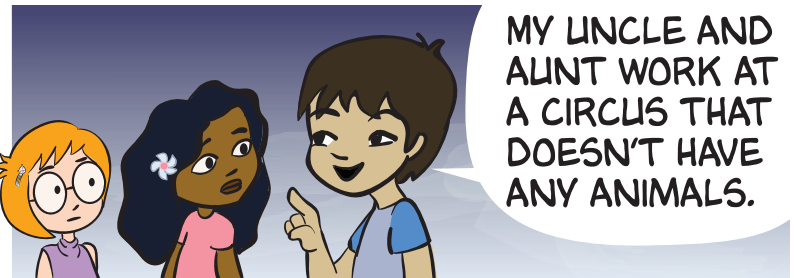


GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND WELCOME TO THE GREATEST CAREER DAY PRESENTATION ON EARTH!



I'M A TRAPEZE ARTIST.





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

WHY NOT?

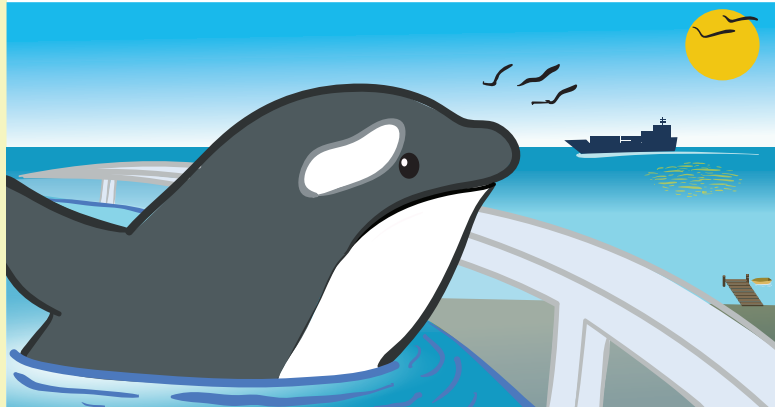
YOU LIKE ANIMALS, SO YOU WOULDN'T LIKE TO SEE THEM KEPT IN CAGES OR TANKS WHERE THEY'RE UNHAPPY, WOULD YOU?

OF COURSE NOT!

NO!

WELL, BEING IN CAPTIVITY MAKES ANIMALS LIKE ORCAS SAD.

IN NATURE, ORCAS SPEND THEIR WHOLE LIVES WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND SWIM UP TO 140 MILES A DAY. BUT MANY OF THE ORCAS AT SEAWORLD WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES. THEIR TANKS ARE SO SMALL THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO SWIM LAPS OVER 4,000 TIMES A DAY TO GO THE SAME DISTANCE AS THEY WOULD IN THE OCEAN.

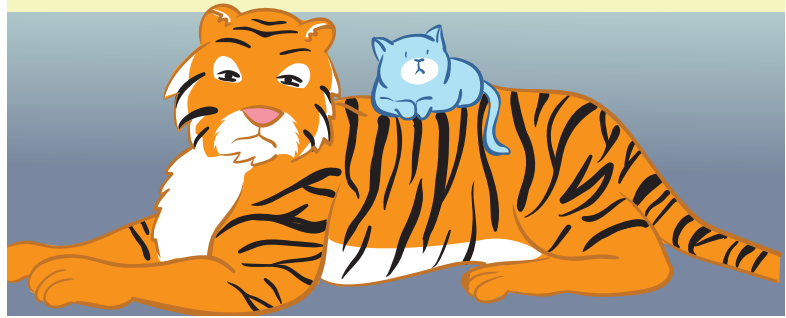


ANIMALS IN ROADSIDE ZOOS OFTEN LIVE IN SPACES THAT ARE THOUSANDS OF TIMES SMALLER THAN THEIR REAL HOMES. PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS STARING AT THEM, AND THEY FEEL FRUSTRATED, SAD, AND LONELY. THEY CAN'T RUN, PLAY, OR EVEN CHOOSE THEIR FRIENDS.

WHY DO YOU
LIKE TIGERS
SO MUCH,
OLIVIA?



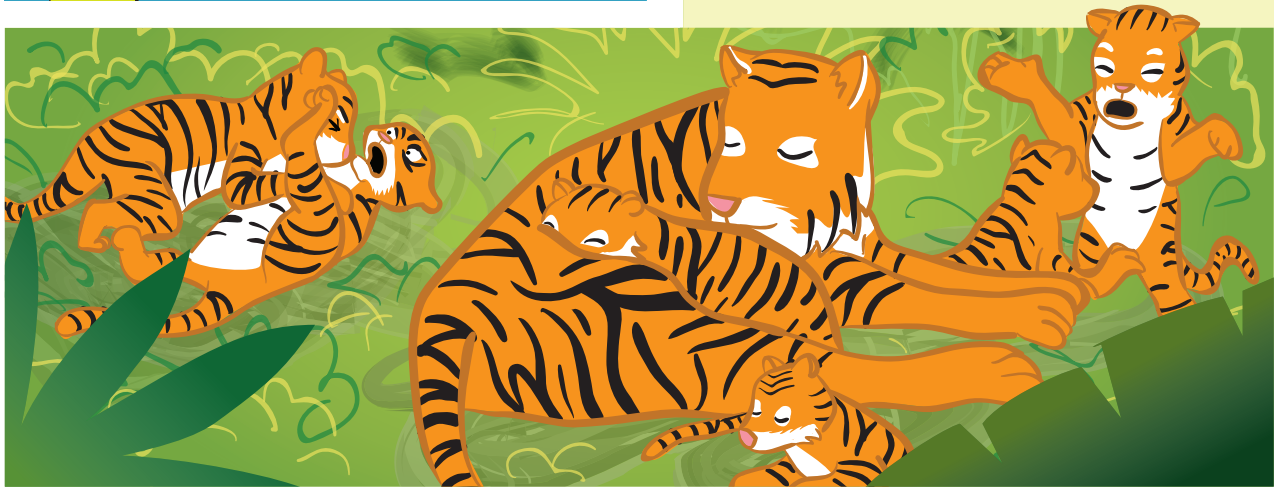
TIGERS ARE THE LARGEST MEMBER OF
THE CAT FAMILY. THEY'RE ABOUT 50
TIMES BIGGER THAN MY CAT, TOM!



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.



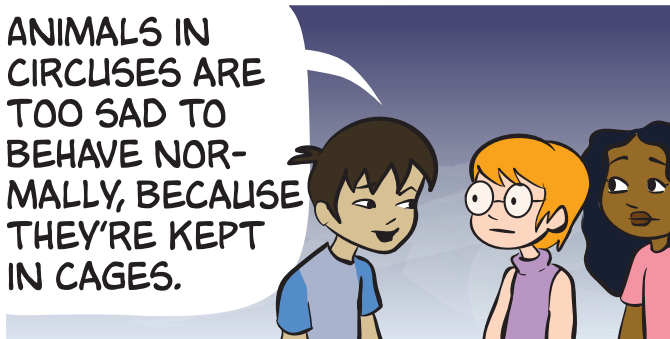
CLUBS SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME PLAYING WITH EACH OTHER AND LEARNING HOW TO FIND FOOD BY PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH THEIR MOM.



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 ANIMALS IN THE CIRCUS. 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.

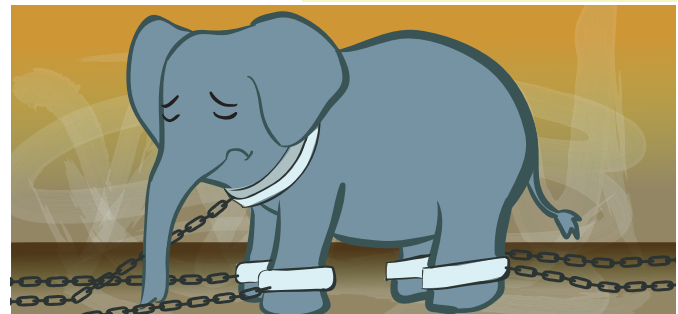


SAM WAS FORCED TO LIVE IN A SMALL, DIRTY CAGE. HE HAD TO EAT, DRINK, SLEEP, AND EVEN GO TO THE BATHROOM ALL IN THE SAME SPACE.



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 TRAILERS 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 THEIR NATURAL LIFE.



IN NATURE

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.

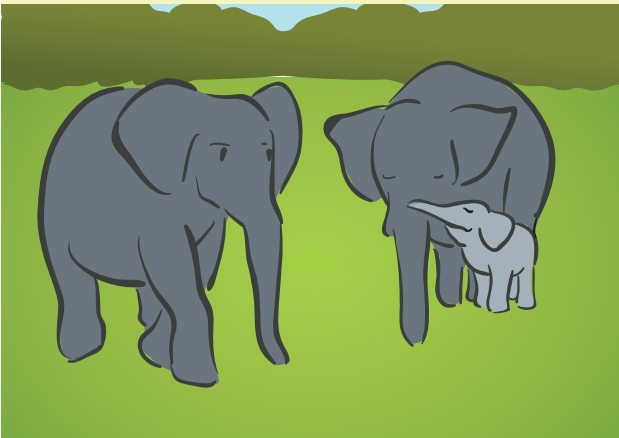


IN THE CIRCUS

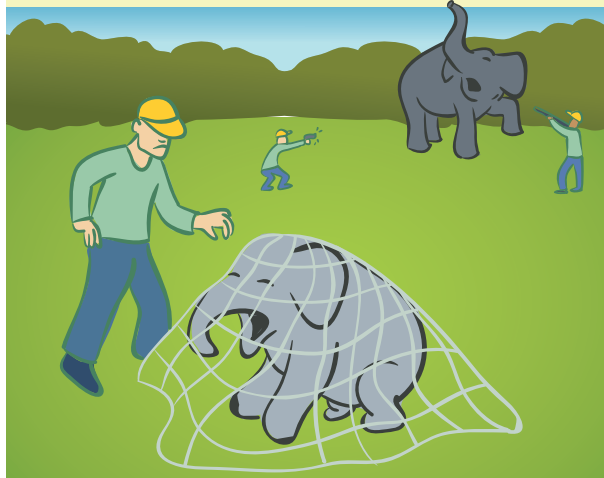
TIGERS SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME IN CRAMPED CAGES, SOMETIMES IN THE HOT SUN WITHOUT ANY SHADE OR WATER.



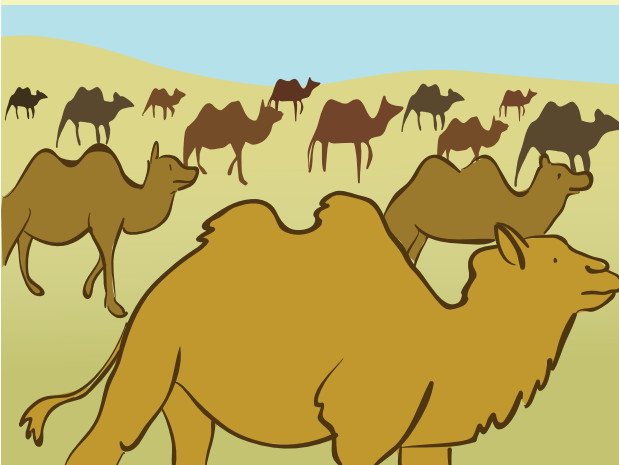
FEMALE ELEPHANTS STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES FOREVER. MALE ELEPHANTS STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES FOR 10 TO 15 YEARS.



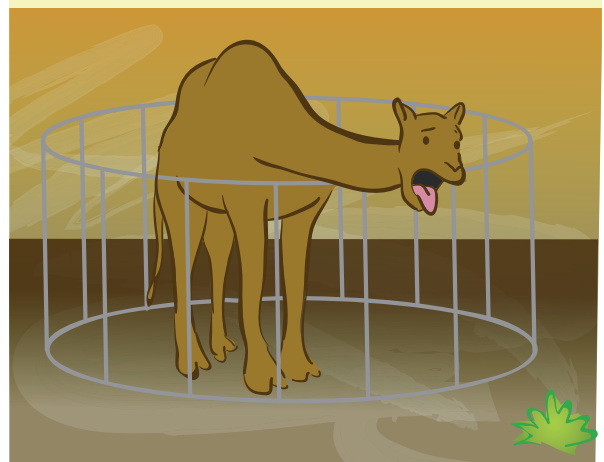
ELEPHANTS ARE TORN AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES WHEN THEY'RE STILL BABIES.



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



CAMELS HARDLY GET ANY EXERCISE AND HAVE TO GIVE RIDES ON THEIR BACKS.



IN NATURE

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

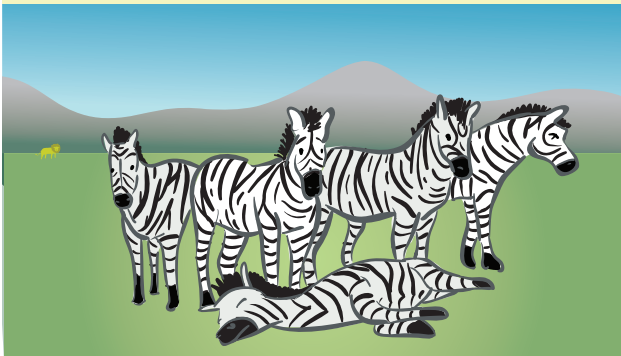


IN THE CIRCUS

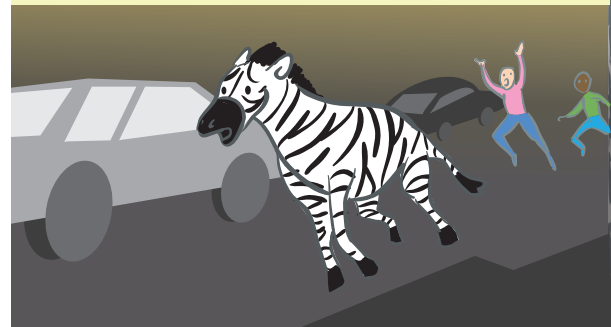
LIONS ARE FORCED TO DO TRICKS DURING THE DAY AND AREN'T ALLOWED TO HANG OUT WITH EACH OTHER WHEN THEY WANT TO.



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.



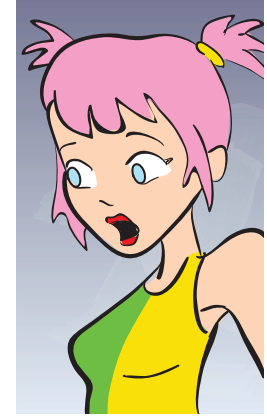
HORSES ARE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR FRIENDS. LOUD NOISES AND MEANINGLESS STUNTS SCARE THEM, AND IT'S EASY FOR THEM TO GET HURT.



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 MISTREAT-
ING ANIMALS, SO
THEY DECIDED
TO SELL SAM.

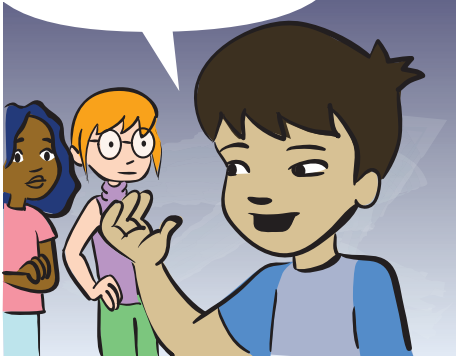
WE DIDN'T WANT
HIM TO GO TO
ANOTHER CIRCUS
OR ONE OF THOSE
AWFUL ROADSIDE
ZOOS, SO WE
RAISED ENOUGH
MONEY TO
RESCUE HIM.

I
HELPED,
TOO!

WHERE IS
HE NOW?



COME ON, GUYS!
I'LL SHOW YOU.



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



LOOK!
THERE
HE IS ON
THE LIVE
CAMERA

HE LOOKS
SO HAPPY!



IF YOU WANT, WE
CAN HELP OTHER
ANIMALS WHO
ARE STILL IN THE
CIRCUS, TOO.



HOW CAN
WE HELP?!



WHAT YOU CAN DO!

DON'T GO TO CIRCUSES, ROADSIDE ZOOS, MARINE PARKS, QUESTIONABLE AQUARIUMS, OR ANY OTHER ATTRACTION THAT EXPLOITS 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 USED 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!



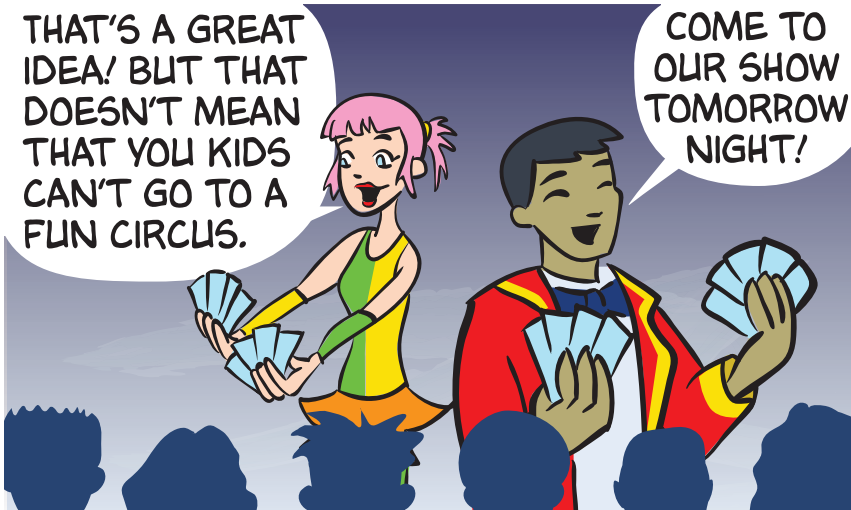
LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP ANIMALS. CONTACT GROUPS THAT PROTECT AND CARE FOR THEM.



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.

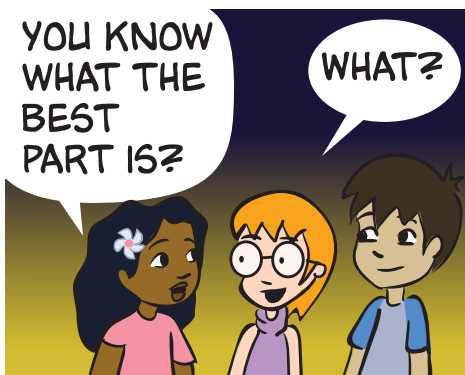


THE NEXT NIGHT ...



YOU KNOW WHAT THE BEST PART IS?

WHAT?



THE ONLY THING GROWLING AT THIS CIRCUS IS MY STOMACH. LET'S GO GET SOME SNACKS!



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY VS. ANIMALS IN NATURE

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 concrete tank.

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

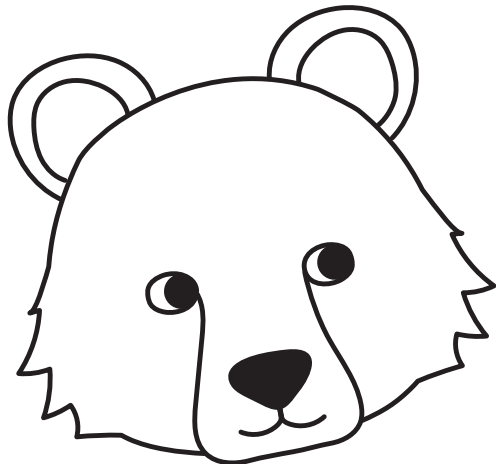
- a. running around in a circle while being threatened by someone with a whip.
- b. sleeping standing up.
- c. being hauled from town to town in a trailer.

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 onto.
- c. can reach up into trees to collect leaves and fruit to eat.



Animals used in entertainment spend their whole lives caged or chained up when they aren't being forced to perform. Animals in circuses, roadside zoos, marine parks, questionable aquariums, petting zoos, and other attractions are never allowed to leave.



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 reading about helping animals?

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

Because of Winn-Dixie

by Kate DiCamillo

Before You Were Mine

by Maribeth Boelts

Black Beauty

by Anna Sewell

Charlotte's Web

by E.B. White

Courageous Conner

by Heather Leughmyer

Diary of a Worm

by Doreen Cronin

Fiona Finds Love

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