

In the name of God

## Essay: we no longer need to have animals kept in zoos, so zoos should be closed.

### Do you agree or disagree?

~~Since~~ ~~While~~ some mistreatment with animals happens ~~ing toward animals~~ in zoos, it will bring the idea of closing the zoos into mind. ~~;~~ some modern zoos recently have shown great capability of keeping endangered species. Since there are a lot that zoos can do to do research and educate people about threatened animals, they can still can be beneficial.

On the one hand, many zoos stay the way they did before just to exhibit huge interesting animals, ~~careless-regardless~~ of their welfare. Most of them are kept in small enclosure in an inappropriate climate. For example, captivating elephants has ~~made-created~~ major foot problems and reduced their longevity to half compared to those living in wild. Another major problem is that their breeding is either controlled by contraceptives or since they cannot control them, the surplus is culled cruelly. Moreover, many of wild animals are not social and captivation will bring them stereotypical behaviors like most polar bears. And some argue that in contrast to zoo keepers' claims about conserving endangered species, they just have slowed their extinction without any improvements, as an example despite much effort they ~~didmake~~, the rhinos were totally extinct from wild.

On the other hand, with ~~the~~ extremely high rate of human population increment, ~~the~~ natural habitat of a lot of species are being destroyed. Because of human impacts species are disappearing at a rate 100 times faster than before. And apart from zoos' old goal of showing interesting animals, now they don't only have to act as conservation centers, but they also have to educate people on what dangerous impacts they have had on animals' life and nature. In zoos people can smell and learn how to avoid what they have done that had put the life of these species in danger. In my opinion, however some conservation programs have showed little hope, but some others like conserving Californian corona that were then released to their natural habitats are good instances that zoos as conservation centers can be beneficial, if they choose to make substantial changes in their goals.

In conclusion, ~~however-although~~ in the past due to lack of knowledge and experimental data, zoos endangered some animals and the animals' welfare wasn't ~~at~~ their top priority~~yies~~, now they can be centers to help threatened species and educate ~~the~~ public about them.

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