

Animals in our life



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Animals are very important in our life. Some of them can become good friends for us. It is especially true about domestic animals.



There are two types of animals.

We know wild animals. They are those that live in the woods, jungles and in the fields. They are: foxes, tigers, wolves, elephants, hares and so on.

And there are animals that live near the people. They are called domestic animals. And some of them even help people. Horses, bulls, dogs help people a lot. Domestic animals are cows, cats, sheep and so on.



Many years ago when there were no cars and trucks people used horses and bulls working in the fields. Dogs are our great friends but they also guard our houses and they are used in the army and by the police. Cats catch mice and rats. As for other domestic animals they are also very useful. Hens, ducks, geese, turkeys give meat and eggs. Cows and goats give milk.

People divide animals into four groups – reptiles, birds, insects and mammals. Reptiles are animals without wings who lay eggs. Some reptiles are very dangerous. Crocodiles and snakes are reptiles. Birds are animals with feathers, two wings and two legs. Parrots and eagles are birds. Insects are small creatures with six legs and usually two pairs of wings. Butterflies and ladybirds are insects. Mammals are animals who feed their babies on milk. Dogs, kangaroos, dolphins are mammals.



Cats are mammals too. Their short fur can be of different colors – clear white, black, red, grey and so on. Cats have no fins and wings, just legs, a body, a head with whiskers and a long tail. They have 4 long legs, so they run quite fast. Sometimes cats can be friendly and nice to people, sometimes – selfish. It depends on a cat's temper. Cats are domestic animals, so they live with people – in people's houses and apartments. They eat fish, meat, milk, sometimes – human food. Cats live for 10 - 15 years, but some of them can live longer.



Wild animals

As for wild animals, it is hard to meet them in real life. However, we can watch them in a zoo. Of course, there are people who disapprove zoos considering them to be captivity for animals. But I think that conditions created in modern zoos are relatively good. It is also known that sometimes endangered species were preserved in zoos rather than in the wild. I like visiting zoos, especially when travelling. I believe that getting to know new animals enlarges our mental outlook.

Mammals are animals who feed their kids on milk, among them cows, dogs, dolphins, kangaroos, and many others.

Insects are small creatures with numerous legs and usually wings.

Birds are all animals with feathers. Fish live under water and can swim.

Reptiles are animals without wings which lay eggs, among them snakes, crocodiles, lizards and some others.

All these groups of animals contain several rather dangerous species. Nevertheless, people should try treating them well, not taking actions which cause their extinction.

