

For the Love of Animals.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." — Mahatma Gandhi

Animal welfare is a key aspect of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, especially related to SDG #15. Review it [here](#); it shows the importance of protecting ecosystems and biodiversity. Importantly, organizations like World Animal Protection, are working to create a Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare. The goal is to combat many problems:

- Animal cruelty and suffering is a global issue.
- Animals are sentient – they feel pain.
- Animals need to be protected – urgently.

Why is this important?

Across the world, many people rely on animals for their livelihood. In addition,

- People also rely on animals for psychological and cultural reasons.
- Mistreatment or neglect of animals causes problems for human health. Care of animals can reduce risks and increase benefits to humans.
- Zoonoses is the transmission of diseases from animals to human. It is an urgent problem that greatly impacts humans.

This DIY challenges you to learn more about the importance that animals and wildlife play in our lives and how you can support organizations and advocate for wildlife.

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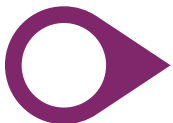
DYK? Over 1 Billion of the world's poorest people depend on animals for jobs, food, income, transport, social status and cultural identification.

Activity Steps:

- Review the how animals protection is covered under [SDG #15](#)
- Learn about the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and their RED LIST
- Learn about World Wildlife Day and review this [video](#)
- Learn about National and local organizations that work towards animal welfare.
- Watch this [video](#) and learn more about the UN's roles.

Reflection:

- What did you learn about this activity?
- Think about the roles that wildlife plays in our lives.
- How is Coronavirus linked to Zoonosis?
- What individual actions can you take?
- Think about the impact on animals that occurs as humans have them as their pets. How do they impact our lives?



PIN Points:

PINnetwork.ca hosts two databases to explore

1. Volunteer Opportunities supporting [animal services](#).
2. Community Information that focus on [animals and wildlife](#).