



Be Animal Kind

Session for 5 to 11 year olds
Lasts for approximately one hour

Key focus for the session

To learn about the abilities and needs of animals. To discuss their feelings and practical ways to help them.

Links to The National Curriculum in science and English Key Stages 1 and 2.

Preparation and Resources

Access to the **Animal Kind film** at www.animalkind.org.uk

Print off the **Be Animal Kind** blank poster on page 2 of this pdf. If you're unable to print the page, use a sheet of plain paper

Pencils and crayons or coloured pens

Optional – objects that could harm or help animals. See the poster activity below for ideas.

The Animal Kind Film

First show the Animal Kind film, which is in three parts. At the end of each part there is an important question for the children to consider. Pause the film at the points where these questions appear on the screen:

- Can you think of any other amazing things that animals can do and we can't?
- What are some of the feelings that you and animals share?
- What are the ways that you can help animals and be Animal Kind?

At these discussion points, chat with your children and try to stretch their imagination. It is likely that they will easily think of amazing things that animals can do but expressing the animals' feelings might be more challenging. For example, can a dog feel anxious or a cat confident?

The Be Animal Kind Poster

Hand out the **Be Animal Kind blank poster**, pencils and crayons.

Get your children to imagine they're encouraging others to be kind to animals and that the poster is their way of putting across their message.

Depending on their ability, they can use words or pictures to express their ideas for helping animals. Get them to think about what Michaela says in the final part of the film and use objects you have at home to show them how animals can be harmed. For example, show a soft animal toy with her leg trapped in an elastic band. They could draw a hedgehog caught in a beer can holder or an insect trapped in a plastic bottle. Get them to illustrate positive things too, like a recycling sign or a card and glass for rescuing spiders and other minibeasts.

The children then colour in the Be Animal Kind lettering.



We've set up a Facebook page to support you and Animal Kind. Why not photograph your child's poster and put it on our Facebook page? We'd love to see it and you may enjoy seeing other children's posters too. We'll be sure to comment.
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