

# Animal Aid's school talks

The issue of animal rights has strong links with the National Curriculum and is an ideal subject for involving students in discussion and debate. We have a network of trained volunteer school speakers who give presentations and lead discussions on topics such as General Animal Rights, Pressure Groups, Animal Farming, Animal Experiments and Veganism. These can be remote or in-person talks.

## Our In-person Presentations

Our speakers encourage students to articulate their own beliefs and to share their ideas. Students are given the opportunity to question the speaker about the principles of animal rights.

The speakers are very careful about what they include in their presentations, taking care to deal with the issues in a sensitive way.

The talks are appropriate for students from year 7 to 13. They are an opportunity to develop their critical thinking skills. Once a talk is requested, the speaker discusses specific requirements with the teacher so that the session can be tailored to suit student ability.

School visits normally last for around one hour and are ideal for a classroom situation although we do give talks to larger groups. A session would typically involve a group activity, a short film, possibly a PowerPoint presentation and questions and answers.

## Our Remote Talks

These are an effective way for you to access the expertise of outside speakers no matter where you're based, and they are accessible to students who are self-isolating as well as those in school. We can offer remote talks on General Animal Rights, Veganism and Animal Experiments.

The sessions normally last for between forty minutes to one hour. They typically involve an introduction followed by a short PowerPoint



presentation and a Question-and-Answer session. Students often prepare questions in advance, having watched one of our short films.

Connecting to the speaker is straightforward and we prepare well to avoid technical hitches. We generally use Zoom, Teams or Google Meet.

## Our Films

The short films we use are produced specifically for us and for particular age groups. When the films are made, we carefully consider which images to include and consult with teachers on their suitability. You can preview the films here: [www.animalaid.org.uk/educationfilms](http://www.animalaid.org.uk/educationfilms)

## Some comments from teachers following our talks:

*'I have every intention of asking Animal Aid to give another talk to future learners as he was exceptional'* - Animal & Equine Lecturer, Coleg Sir Gar

*'(The speaker).. managed to engage two classrooms of students through zoom, incorporating audience interaction as well. The presentation was well planned and the resources were carefully chosen.'* - Religious Education teacher, Q3 Academy Langley

*'(It) was absolutely brilliant and I have never seen Y12s sit in silence and be that attentive'* - Religious Education teacher, Theale Green School

Go to [animalaid.org.uk/talkbooking](http://animalaid.org.uk/talkbooking) to book a free talk.

