



What's the problem with using **ANIMALS AS ENTERTAINMENT?**



How animals are being used as entertainment, how it harms them, and how you can help.

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How are animals being used for entertainment?

Animals are displayed, trained, handled and forced to take part in events or performances in many ways, including:



HORSE RACING



ZOOS & SAFARI PARKS



DOG RACING



AQUARIUMS



WILD ANIMAL DISPLAYS



PETTING ZOOS & FARMS

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Wherever an animal has been brought into existence or taken from their home to entertain humans, they are being exploited.



How does using animals for entertainment harm them?

Animals being used as entertainment have been given **a life they didn't choose**, and often one that causes them extreme stress, injury, and even death:



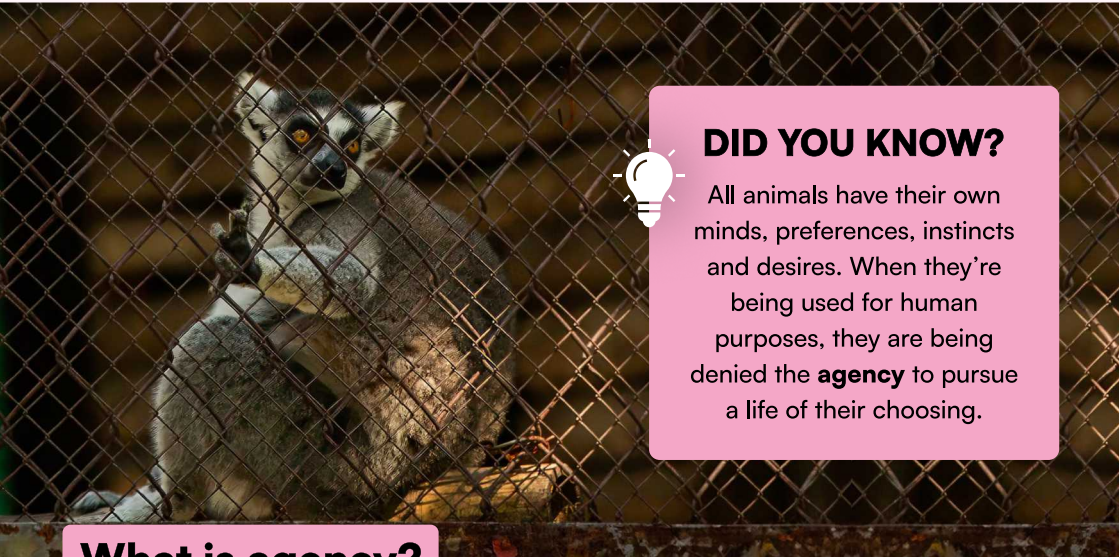
Horses and dogs **get injured** and die racing



Animals are bred for zoos and aquariums who claim it is 'conservation', but **most aren't endangered**, and animals from breeding programmes are almost **never released** to the wild



Animals used for displays **become sick** through the stress of regular transportation and forced handling



DID YOU KNOW?

All animals have their own minds, preferences, instincts and desires. When they're being used for human purposes, they are being denied the **agency** to pursue a life of their choosing.

What is agency?

Agency is something **every animal has the right to** — it means the ability to choose what we do, when we do it, and how.

This can be as simple as when and where to go to the toilet or whether we allow someone to touch us. But for animals used for entertainment, these simple choices are often denied.

What can we do to help animals today?

In most cases where animals are being used as entertainment, it's by a business or individual seeking to profit from them. By removing their profit, we can remove their motivation to use those animals.

Please protect animals from being harmed for events, displays and attractions by:



Never betting on horse or dog racing



Complaining to businesses who hire live animals for events



Boycotting zoos, safari parks, and aquariums



Asking your council to adopt an animal-free event policy



Never hiring live animal displays, like mobile zoos or reindeer at Christmas

Many people are unaware that animals are still killed for 'fun' in the UK in their millions.

Find out more about how Animal Aid is working to protect wildlife at: animalaid.org.uk/wildlife



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