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Do Animals Have Feelings?

Are they sad? Are they happy? Do they feel excited? Do animals even have feelings? Some people say they're just animals, but when it comes to elephants, dogs, laboratory rats, cats, and even chimpanzees I say that animals do have feelings. Not only humans have emotion and feelings. The people who say animals are just animals are wrong. Most people think animals don't have some characteristics like people do. Yes, they have arms and legs like we do and we do have emotions exactly like animals.

The elephants of Kenya have feelings too. They feel happy when they get to see their old friends they haven't seen in a while, and sometimes I feel that way too. The elephants care too, they care if another elephant is sickly ill or if it's hurt by a nearby hunter. So that is one-way to prove that some animals have feelings.

Many animals even feel jealousy too. For example, when I pet one of my cats the other one feels jealous, so he comes over and pushes the other one away. They even fight for who gets to sit on my lap, and if one wins I just know the other one is jealous.

This may sound unusual but rats also have feelings and emotions too. But these rats we're talking about is laboratory rats, and this may sound shocking but, the rats make delighted chirps when people tickle them. The people assume the chirps as laughter.

Who is man's best friend...a dog that's for sure! Yes even a man's best friend has feelings and emotions just like us. There are dogs at doggie daycare who miss their owners when they go to work. Even a dog saved its owner from choking on an apple by jumping on its owner's chest so the apple can get out, I guess they do care. Also when a dog is lonely or sad they yelp when they want other dogs to play with them.

So animals do have feelings and emotions just like all of us, and they have all sorts of feelings. Either if they're happy or sad.