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What Things Should Be Done to Improve the Lives of Animals?

We should improve the lives of animals because we are in charge of taking care of them and they deserve to live a good and healthy life. If we help to take care of animals and their habitats it can benefit us and change our lives, too.

One of many things I think can be done to improve the lives of animals is that when we build bridges and over-passes and destroy habitats to improve our own lives, we should put bat and bird boxes under them to help replace lost nesting sites. We should stop polluting the air. Both animals and people need good clean air. We can do this by car pooling and using mass transit. Birds fly in the air; it would be nice to have clear air to be able to appreciate them, not hazy skies. Bad air is also causing global warming and it is melting the north and south poles; some penguins need the southern ice caps to live. We also need to build stronger oil tankers so they do not leak and pollute the water, destroy beaches, and contaminate animals' and our food supply.

I also think we need to educate people about the danger of unbalanced eco-systems and endangered animals to try to stop poaching, illegal and over-hunting; for example, sharks are becoming endangered from over-hunting. We could even put look out posts in these areas for people to look for and stop poachers! Littering is bad because we dirty not just animals' homes, but ours too. We can start by picking up the litter in our own yards, our neighbors front yards, and our schools. Lastly, with all our technology, we should also be able to find and use low cost, but strong and durable, building materials to help save forests (another quickly disappearing habitat for many animals).

Animals are living beings and they need our help take care of them. If we take care of their habitat and ours, it will benefit us by having healthy and clean food to eat, good air to breathe, nice places to live and places to visit, like forests and beaches. So you see, by improving the lives of animals, we improve our own lives too!