

EHPS Writing Competition Winners

Year 3

Daniel

It is cruel to keep animals in cages

Many people liked to keep animals in cages. Other people disagreed. I strongly believe it is cruel to keep animals in cages. I will tell you four persuasive reasons why it is cruel to keep animals in dangerous, metal cages.

Firstly, animals cannot control themselves when their home shrinks smaller and smaller. Some cages are so small that the animals have to completely separate with your family. This can make the animal scared.

Do you want your animal confused and run away from you? Secondly, animals can get really confused and can certainly be worried, stressed, frustrated, sad and be unhappy. This means the animal wouldn't listen to the owner. The owner will then think. Why did I buy that animal? I shouldn't have bought another animal. What have I done wrong to that animal? If you think that, you would be completely wrong. Do you know why? You kept your animal in the cage.

Do you really want your animal to be positively injured? Thirdly, animals can automatically step on something that is poisonous such as snakes. Some snakes have venom and can cause the animal to die. If an animal was really, absolutely lucky, it would go into a surgery and get out the venom out of the poor animal. The animal will then will live. The owner would be very happy if the animal was saved.

In conclusion, I definitely think that animals should certainly be allowed to roam freely around nature. Do you now believe me? I hope you do and now without a doubt I think that animals should extremely be allowed to roam freely. I hope you now believe that animals are positively allowed to be free.

Peta

It is not cruel to keep animals in cages

Without a doubt animals have to stay in cages to stay healthy and safe and now I will give you four reasons why.

Firstly do you really want your chickens or birds flying around your house. If you have cages it will stay peaceful and not so stressful.

Secondly if you go to the zoo you will see every animal is kept in a cage so when everyone goes there they are all kept safe.

Thirdly when animals are at the vet they have to sit in a cage so no virus sits in other animals skin.

Finally naughty animals clearly cause horrible trouble when they are free so they need to stay in big cages.

In conclusion I clealy hope I convinced you that you have to sometimes keep your animals in cages.

Cassandra

It is Cruel to keep Animals in Cages

I strongly believe that it is very cruel to keep animals in cages but other people disagree. Now, if you are one of those people that disagree please read this and by the end I hope I have convinced you.

Firstly, without a doubt it is well known that animals get bored of being stuck in cages. Their cages are like prisons. They need fresh air. Imagine being stuck in prison for days and days. Would you like it? I know I wouldn't.

Secondly, you're not letting animals become more brave. If you were in danger your pet or animal could protect you if they were not in their boring old cages.

If I were in trouble, I would be very, most extremely happy to find my pet or animal helping me or saving me from bad guys such as robbers, burglars or even murderers.

Finally, animals need exercise to keep them healthy and strong. If not it will get fat and unhealthy if it were to be kept in cages. If it is fat and unhealthy it won't do much. All it really only does is rest and lie down like if it was sick or something.

In conclusion, just to sum everything up, as it was clearly written in the introduction I hope I have convinced you enough. Would you like to change your mind if you don't agree?

Syan

It is cruel to keep animals in cages

I strongly believe that it is completely cruel to keep animals in cages. Other people disagree with me. Now I will give you three reasons to support the above statement.

Firstly, without a doubt it is cruel to keep animals in cages because animals need freedom. Animals need freedom because it is very boring staying in a cage all day. For example animals might be hideously bored staying in a cage all day and also getting freedom includes getting fresh air. Do you really want your adorable pet/pets to die from not getting enough fresh air?

Secondly, it is cruel to keep animals in cages because animals will get bored staying in a cage all day. Animals will get hideously and dreadfully bored staying in a very squishy, small and dirty cage all day. For example an animal might be staying in a cage all day doing absolutely nothing and being dreadfully bored. Animals can also get very, very, very lonely.

Thirdly and finally, I find it extremely cruel to keep animals in cages because animals need to be able to play with their friends. Animals need to be able to play with their friends because otherwise they will be very, very lonely. For example you might have a pet chick locked up in a cage and your next door neighbour might have a pet chick locked up in a cage as well and then your chick and your next door neighbour's chick will both be lonely.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that without a doubt it is cruel to keep animals in cages because of all the three strong reasons I have given you. I hope I have convinced you that it is extremely cruel to keep animals in cages, I also hope you agree with me too.

Year 4

Aiden

Most of us have pets right? Well do you think that having a pet in a cage is cruel? Because I strongly believe that it is cruel. Here are my reasons why it is cruel.

Firstly pets can roam around your backyard, but in a cage, pets won't have any space at all to actually move around. What would it feel to be like a pet in a cage? For example I have a dog and if he were in a cage I can't imagine how it feels like. This is a reason why it is cruel.

Secondly you would need to give it exercise more. Why? Because the pet has no place to move. Instead if it was out in your backyard you wouldn't need to exercise as much. For example, my dog is allowed to be in the backyard so therefore we don't need to exercise him that much. This is a reason why it is bad to keep pets caged.

Thirdly, you don't need to buy a cage. So it costs money to have pets in a cage. This would most likely mean that you're wasting money or you don't waste money. For example my family were planning to get money but found out it would be a waste. This is a reason why cages are bad.

Lastly cages are useless because if there was a cage with an animal inside it can't run from its terrors such as snakes. What would it feel like to be an animal in a cage with a snake coming towards you and I can't think of how terrible that would be. But the cage is like a wall, though the pet may have a heart attack. For example Jorge's mouse died from a heart attack by a cockatoo. Instead without the cage the pet can run away so that means it wasn't really a waste of money. Why? Because you can find the pet again rather than a dead one. This is a reason why it is cruel to have pets in cages because you're just letting them die.

In conclusion I strongly believe it is cruel to have pets in cages because you're just killing a poor animal because of fright.

Diya M

It Is Cruel To Keep Animals In Cages

I strongly disagree with this statement because of the safety of animals, because it allows us to discover things about them and so that we can learn about animals.

Firstly, because of the welfare and safety of animals. In the wild animals are hunted for their fur coats, medical properties in their body and much more. If animals are in cages no one can hurt them. Zoos also have breeding programs which are vital to help save endangered animals. For example the Tasmanian devil is dying from a mysterious face cancer, so by breeding them we might be able to get its population thriving again. Would you want our beautiful wildlife to die?

In addition, by keeping animals in cages we can allow scientists to discover more about our magnificent animal kingdom. If it weren't for zoos then we wouldn't know as much about animals as we do now. To illustrate my point, recently scientists have discovered that elephants make special sounds before giving birth. Would you want to grow up knowing nothing at all about animals?

Moreover, you can see animals you would have never seen before and learn about them too. Most people don't know much about animals so by looking and listening to other people talk about them you can discover amazing facts. Also lots of animals aren't from Australia. For example tigers are from Asia and South America. Would you want to see nothing but Australian animals?

In conclusion I strongly believe that keeping animals in cages is definitely not cruel because of the welfare of animals, animal discovery and so that you can see and learn things about animals.

Dan J

It is Cruel to Keep Animals in Cages

I strongly disagree with this topic because of these reasons. They are about the animals' safety, our entertainment and their feelings.

Firstly animals should be safe. They could get killed in the wild but can be helped if in captivity. For example a vulture could be swooping down when a lion jumps out and kills it. Would you like to suddenly be ripped apart?

Moreover animals in cages are good entertainment. They can perform tricks and behave like you and them have been best friends for ages. For example in some countries you can snuggle up to huge lions and cuddle baby tigers. Would you like these attractions gone?

Furthermore animals are happy in cages. Just one look at their faces and you would know that they love being with the human race. Take a bird for example, they are always chirping in cages. Would you like to be held responsible for taking away the animals' happiness?

In conclusion I strongly disagree with this topic because of the animals safety, our entertainment and their feelings.

Year 5

Nikita S

It is Cruel to Keep Animals in Cages

I strongly believe that it is cruel to keep animals in cages. It is cruel to keep animals in cages because they are taken away from their home and natural habitat. They could get separated from their family and they can get sick by eating the wrong food.

Firstly, animals will be taken away from their home and natural habitat. If animals are going to be locked up in cages they won't have any room for running, climbing, swinging and swimming like they would normally do in their natural habitat. How would you like to be locked behind some bars for the rest of your life?

In addition, animals might be separated from their families. Animals need their parents when they're babies because they can't survive alone. Some animals like gorillas need to stay in groups even when they are big and grown-up, if they don't have any company they act all crazy. How would you like to be taken away from your family or shipped to a different country?

Moreover, some animals can get sick by eating the wrong food. Some of the chemicals put in the animal's food can poison the animals and they could even die. You wouldn't want to be responsible for an animal's death would you?

In conclusion, it is cruel to keep animals in cages because they will be taken away from their natural habitat, separated from their families and they could get poisoned by eating the wrong food.

Rohan S

Keeping Animals in Cages is Not Cruel

Without doubt keeping animals in cages is not cruel, because some animals are dangerous, if animals are sick diseases can be passed on, many animals need protection and some animals run away if not kept in boundaries.

Many animals like bulldogs and cats are feral and dangerous. Recently a neighbour was bitten on his hand by a ferocious dog and lost a finger. This can be prevented if we continue to keep animals in cages. Do you really want to be attacked just because an animal was not kept in a cage?

Creatures like rats and rabbits carry diseases and if not caged, can spread diseases. In the 1800s a disease in Europe called the Black Death was carried by rats alone, the end result was it wiped out one-fifth of Europe's population!

Animals like bilbies are native to Australia and are almost extinct thanks to dingoes and other big cats. If animals like bilbies are kept in cages then there is less chance of them being extinct.

Horses run away if not kept in boundaries, horses also carry diseases, and if we continue to let them free on pastures, then many people would die. This is why it is not cruel to keep animals in cages, otherwise our entire human population will be wiped out.

Last but not least it is not cruel to keep animals in cages because some animals are dangerous, if animals are infected diseases can be spread, many animals need protection otherwise they may be wiped out and finally animals can run away if not kept in secure boundaries. Do you really want to lose your pet bird because your neighbour's cat killed it?

Georgia G

It is cruel to keep animals in cages

I agree with and fully support the idea that it is cruel to keep animals in cages, as animals deserve their freedom. Also it is cruel to take young animals away from their mothers and because animals belong in their environment where they can learn to hunt properly and fend for themselves.

Animals deserve their freedom. They are being discriminated against when they don't deserve to be. How would you like it if someone took away your freedom, put you in a cage and got so excited they overfed you, then getting bored of you, forgot to feed you. This is one of the lives some unfortunate animals have to live. It may even be the life of your own pet at home. No animal deserves this.

Many people (mainly zoos) take young animals away from their mothers. They either do this illegally or for their jobs. But it still doesn't mean you have any right to do this. Imagine if you were taken away from your parents, when they were perfectly capable of taking care of you. This is cruel and should be stopped.

Finally your habitat. Your habitat is your home where you live and learn to look after yourself. It's the same with animals. When zoos take an animal, such as a tiger, leopard or cheetah, from the wild and from their families, they miss out on the opportunity to learn to hunt or to fend for themselves. When the zoo is done with that animal and releases it back into the wild, the animal will either be starved or get killed. It will die both ways because of what us humans have done.

So, in conclusion, I strongly believe that it is wrong to keep animals in cages, for the reasons that I have stated here today, that animals deserve their freedom. Also it is cruel to take young animals away from their mothers and because animals belong in their environment where they can learn to hunt and fend for themselves.

Year 6

Kyle J

I strongly believe it is cruel to keep animals in cages. Animals have their own way of life. If animals are so enclosed in cages they will become angry and will want to get away because they have a bad life style. There is more work in keeping animals in cages but if they are outside all of their needs are there right in front of them. It is cruel to keep animals in cages.

Most importantly animals have their own way of life. If we keep animals in cages slowly the animal's way of life will die away. Their hunting tactics and source of food would have been replaced by human made food. It is cruel to keep animals in cages.

Also if animals are in a small confined space life isn't very interesting. How would you like to be in a small space that only just has enough leg room to move in. Animals might become angry and try to escape and then get killed by a car or boat trying to get away. This causes endangered species. It is cruel to keep animals in cages.

Finally keeping animals in cages causes more cleaning and caring. You have to clean up all of the poo. Buy all of their needs like food, water, toys and time. If they are outside they can find their own food and water. It is cruel to keep animals in cages.

In conclusion keeping animals in cages is cruel. There lifestyle has to change. Animals just don't like living in cages. It is not fair to get animals to live in cages.

Niamh C

Animals Weren't Made to be in Cages

Animals, whether they're domestic pets like cats and dogs or are wild like tigers and lions, animals should not be kept in cages. The reasons why I strongly believe that it is cruel to keep animals in cages are that it is animal cruelty, it can be extremely unhealthy for animals and that animals need to be with their own kind.

My first reason as to why I support animals being free and not in cages is that it is animal cruelty. Birds need to fly free and dogs, lions and tigers need to be able to run happily. If we keep animals in cages people would be taking away the happiness in the animal. I believe that if an animal wants to hunt, chase a ball or fly from tree to tree then cages should not get in the way. From all the boredom animals can easily become depressed and if it is a family pet the animal can become feral to its owners. Animals need to be free and not have cages restricting them.

Secondly being kept in a cage is unhealthy for animals regardless of its size. Animals need exercise to live a long, happy and healthy life. For example rabbits are often kept in tiny cages so they do not get the exercise they require. By only being able to eat and not exercise they become over weight leading to an early death. Animals need plenty of exercise but when they are kept in a cage they don't get enough exercise and do not live as long. It is just plain cruel.

My final reason as to why I believe it is cruel to keep animals in cages is that animals need to be with their own kind. In animal cages there is normally only enough room for one. To keep a species alive animals can not live alone. Animals should also be together because they can get bored easily as I stated before. Animals not in cages have a happier life because they can play together. It is cruel to keep animals in cages because it means they are alone.

For the reasons of it being absolutely cruel, unhealthy and lonely are why I believe it is cruel to keep animals in cages.

Kiana M

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Imagine you're stuck in a small cage, smaller than your body size with no place to roam around freely. Your bones start weaken and give you osteoporosis due to the lack of exercise you have. This is what the majority of the animals have to face each and eve

Animals should not be kept in cages because it decreases their personal space. They have no room to stretch their paws or feet and their have no space to empty out the bladder. If there is no room for any sort of movement, animals will start to die out due to lack of clean air to breathe and bad osteoporosis. This will really harm breeding programs especially for endangered species. Take the Tassie Devil. They have to have babies in a small confined areas where there is no room to have them. The babies will go deformed due to the lack of movement when young. This is well and truly why small, confined cages should not be aloud.

Animals should not be kept in cages because it makes them behave abnormally. For example lions. Lions are supposed be the "king of the jungle", brave and expert hunters. But when they're kept in miniscule cages they're nothing but lost, helpless and desperate. This totally restricts them to the outside world which links me to my next argument.

When animals are kept in cages, it is either because they are in a breeding program or it's because they need to be protected. After animals recover or finish their breeding program, they are let back into the wild, they don't know how to fend for themselves and how to act. This will leave them lost, self-defenceless and desperate.

Some people believe that keeping animals in cages is beneficial because it tames them and disciplines them. However, this is untrue as animals become more restless and unruly because they are so desperate to get outside.

Deep down in my heart, I believe that animals should not be kept in cages. Animals like chickens and pigs lose their lives for us so that we can have our daily dose of protein and nutrients. They provide us with a lifetime of resources and yet we do nothing for them. So lets all help animals have their own personal space.