Paws, Claws and Whiskers

These activities are for you to do at home with an adult. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

Activities

1. Look at pictures of wild animals. Choose three, then use information books and the internet to find out where in the world they live, what they eat and their habitat. Record your findings in a table.

2. Look in books, the internet, calendars or magazines to find pictures of animals. Compare the pictures that you find and choose your favourite. What is it about the picture and the animal that you like? Talk about your choice with a family member. Create an animal picture of your own and write two facts about your chosen animal.

3. Choose an animal story to read. Examples include *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr, *The Hare and the Tortoise* by Brian Wildsmith or *How to Hide a Lion* by Helen Stephens. Draw a picture of your favourite event in the story. Write a few sentences beneath your picture to explain what is happening.

4. Write an animal story. Draw pictures and write sentences to show what will happen at the beginning, middle and end of your story. Share your story with a family member.

5. Look out onto your street, explore your garden and take a walk in your neighbourhood to look for animals. Record the animals that you see in a table. Use the data you have collected to find out which type of animal was the most and least common.

6. Choose a pet that you would like to investigate. Research how to look after the pet. Record your findings, including what pet you have chosen, what it eats, where it should live and any special things this pet needs.

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7. Read *Don't Let Them Disappear: 12 Endangered Species Around the Globe* by Chelsea Clinton. Alternatively, use information books and the internet to find out about an animal in danger of becoming extinct. Make a poster to persuade people that this animal needs saving. Include a sentence explaining why people should protect this animal. Write another sentence to explain how people can help. How will you make your poster stand out?

8. Use the internet to find out about wildlife parks or zoos near you. Find out about the animals that are kept there and how the keepers look after them. Make a fact file with pictures and information. It could be about the wildlife park or zoo, an animal that people can see there, or you might like to write about who the keepers are and what they do.

9. Finish your home learning by writing some sentences or explaining to an adult what you have learned about wild and pet animals, the places where they live and how to care for them.

Useful websites

National Geographic Kids – Animals Primary Resources

BBC – The Countryfile Calendar Photographs

DKfindout! – Endangered Animal Facts For Kids

Britannica – 10 of the Most Famous Endangered Species – Falling Stars

RSPCA – Read expert pet care, advice & information

Good reads

Title	Author	ISBN
First Animal Encyclopedia	DK	9780241188729
Habitats: Extreme Facts	Steffi Cavell-Clarke	9781912171255
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr	9780007215997
The Hare and the Tortoise	Brian Wildsmith	9780192727084
How to Hide a Lion	Helen Stephens	9781407121611
Don't Let Them Disappear: 12 Endangered Species Across the Globe	Chelsea Clinton	9780525514329
Caring For Pets – Go Facts	Katy Pike	9781865090610

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