

Objectives

- To investigate the things an animal needs to stay alive
- To explore the ways that we can care for animals
- To discover how Wellington Zoo cares for animals.



What do all animals need to survive?

How can you provide the best care for your pets at home?



To care for your pet at home, learn what is "normal" for your animal and get the right advice when you need it!

Just like dog owners train their dogs to sit, keepers train the zoo animals to maintain their health and well-being. In this picture, Ben is training Sean, one of our sun bears to open his mouth wide for a dental check-up.



Have you ever trained an animal?
What did you do and what was the animal's reaction?

Research one of your favourite animals. Find out what type of food it should eat; what type of enclosure would be most suitable; and what some of its normal behaviours are.

Test your knowledge on caring for animals, by answering true or false to these statements:

It's ok to feed your pet a treat every now and then.

If your animal is not eating its food it might be unwell.

A good way to train your pet is to get angry at it when it misbehaves.

An animal's enclosure should be as similar to its natural environment as possible.

A good way to look after our native wildlife is to keep your cat in at night and keep your dog on a lead during walks.

Help care for animals by keeping their habitats safe and clean!



Every day at Wellington Zoo the vet team in The Nest - Te Kōhanga perform small operations, procedures, and routine health checks on various zoo animals and wildlife. Visit The Nest- Te Kōhanga and check out the action today!