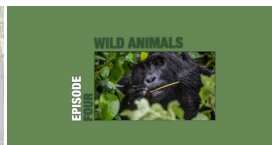


# ANIMAL LAW & YOUTH ACTIVISM EDUCATORS' GUIDE



## EPISODE 4 – WILD ANIMALS

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### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will be able to:

- Examine the global wildlife trade and identify its negative effects on animals, people, and the environment.
- Understand the key differences between types of wildlife animal operations (e.g. animal theme park, roadside zoo, sanctuary).
- Explain why dolphins and whales should not be kept in captivity, and how some countries (e.g. Canada) have banned this practice.

### PRE-VIDEO QUESTIONS

1. What wild animals do you see in their natural habitats around your neighbourhood? How about away from your neighbourhood (e.g. hiking)?
2. Have you ever seen wild animals in captivity (e.g. at a zoo or aquarium)? What was your experience like? What do you think the experience might have been like for the animals?
3. What do you think is the difference between a [‘wild’ animal and an ‘exotic’ animal](#)?

### Global Wildlife Trade

1. What do you think about the practice of capturing hundreds of millions of wild animals, such as exotic birds, and shipping them to countries like Canada and the United States to be kept as pets? Should this practice be banned?

### Zoos – Wild Animals in Captivity

1. What is the difference between an accredited zoo, a roadside zoo, and an animal theme park such as the African Lion Safari just outside of Toronto?
2. How do these animal operations differ from an animal sanctuary for wild/exotic animals?
3. Camille Labchuk states that “In Ontario...there actually is no exotic animal legislation. So the only animals you can’t own are a pit bull, and an orca” (although some cities/towns have their own laws banning certain types of exotic animals). Why do you think exotic animal legislation is so lax in many parts of Canada and the United States?

### Marine Animals - Aquariums

1. What are some of the negative effects of keeping dolphins and whales in captivity?
2. Lori Marino states that the “things that would make us stressed are the same kinds of things that would make a dolphin and whale stressed”. How do you think living in a confined space permanently might affect you?

### Legislation

1. In 2019 Canada made it illegal to confine whales and dolphins (cetaceans) in captivity. There is now increased pressure to move the remaining captive cetaceans into a sanctuary. Why is it not advisable to release these animals into the wild?
2. Are you aware of any other laws that protect wild animals (not necessarily related to zoos or aquariums)? What other laws do you think could be put in place to protect wild animals?

### POST-VIDEO REVIEW

[Wild Animals Kahoot](#) (8 questions)

## Extension/Research Questions

1. Research the laws about exotic animal pets in your [Canadian province/territory](#) (scroll down to pp.18-19) or [U.S. state](#). How does your state, province, or territory compare to others?
2. What is ‘trophy hunting’, and is it legal in your country? What is a ‘wildlife killing contest’, and are there examples of this in your country?
3. Watch the short video [Rose's Story: A Portrait of Fur Farming in Canada](#) (The Fur-Bearers - 5 min). Is fur-farming legal in your country or province/territory/state? Are there any groups that are pushing for it to be banned, and if so, what successes have they had, if any?
4. Watch the video [Hidden camera footage exposes conditions at Ontario's roadside zoos](#) (W5 - 23 min). What thoughts and/or feelings emerged for you as you watched it? Are there any roadside zoos close to where you live? Are there any laws that regulate or even ban roadside zoos in your city/town, or state/province/territory?
5. Does your school run field trips to zoos and/or aquariums? Research possible in-person or virtual alternatives (e.g. local sanctuaries, VR, etc.).
6. Watch the short video [How robots could end animal captivity in zoos and marine parks](#) (Freethink - 8 min). Do you think that these robots could end wild animal captivity in zoos, aquariums, and marine parks? What are its pros and cons?

Field Trips (live)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the wildlife in your own neighbourhood (e.g. <a href="#">Backyard Bio</a>, <a href="#">iNaturalist</a>)</li> <li>• Visit a local wildlife sanctuary or rehabilitation centre (e.g. <a href="#">The Turtle Hospital</a> in Florida)</li> <li>• Attend a virtual field trip (e.g. <a href="#">Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants</a>, <a href="#">WildEarth Safaris</a>, <a href="#">The Toucan Rescue Ranch</a>)</li> <li>• Watch a live cam (e.g. <a href="#">Explore.org Live Cams</a> and select any of the wildlife cams)</li> </ul>
Field Trips (recorded)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Toucan Rescue Ranch</a> (50 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">May Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Tour</a> (5 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Wild Animal Sanctuary</a> (8 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Bali Dolphin Sanctuary Virtual Tour</a> (aka Umah Lumba Rehabilitation, Release and Retirement Center) (3 min)</li> </ul>
Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Exotic pets</a> (The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Wildlife Trade</a> (Humane Society International)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Animal Protection Index</a> (World Animal Protection)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Zoocheck</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Furbearers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Whale Sanctuary Project</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Wildlife Fundamentals</a> (Faunalytics)</li> </ul>
Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">“Conservation officer fired for refusing to kill bear cubs sues to get his job back”</a> (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation)</li> <li>• <a href="#">“How wildlife bridges over highways make animals – and people – safer”</a> (National Geographic)</li> </ul>
Videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Whales Without Walls</a> (Whale Sanctuary Project - 6 min)</li> <li>• Lek Chailert: <a href="#">Protecting elephants from the cruelty of the tourism and logging industries across Asia</a> (We Animals Media - 4 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Elephant Whisperers</a> (Netflix - 41 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">An Inside Look at the Exotic Animal Trade</a> (Vice - 17 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">My Octopus Teacher</a> (Netflix - 90 min)</li> </ul>
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead</a> (Olga Tokarczuk - fiction)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Becoming Wild: How Animal Cultures Raise Families, Create Beauty, and Achieve Peace</a> (Carl Safina - non-fiction)</li> </ul>