

Are Zoos Places to Show Animals or to Protect Them?

① Theme

Animal × Coexistence



② Research Question

Are zoos mainly places to **"show"** animals for the environment, or places to **"protect"** animals through conservation, education, and animal welfare?

③ Hypotheses

Visitors' Viewpoints

- Zoos are mainly entertainment places.
- Conservation and research are not well recognized.

Facilities' Viewpoints

- Zoos are changing their roles.
- Many zoos focus on animal protection, regardless of size or country.

④ Research



<Zoos We Visited>

- San Diego Zoo (USA)
- Australia Zoo (study tour)
- Kyoto City Zoo (Japan)
- Ueno Zoo (Japan)

<Methods>

- Animal environments & exhibits
- Animal behavior & visitor awareness
- Questionnaire survey
- USA-Japan comparison

⑤ Comparative Survey Results

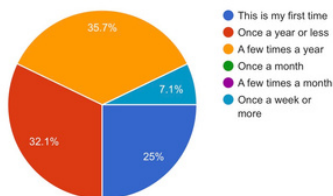


America



How often do you visit zoos?

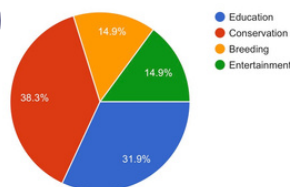
28 responses



Many people visit Zoos regularly.

Which do you think is the most important role of San Diego Zoo?

28 responses



Zoos are seen as Protection&education.

Zoos=place to learn & protect

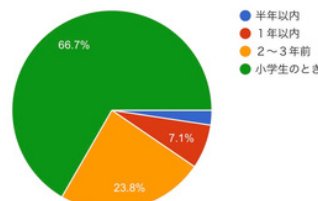


Japan



最後に動物園に行ったのはいつですか?

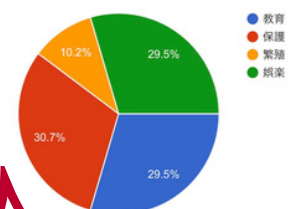
84 responses



Over 70% last visited as children.

日本にある(京都市動物園など)動物園の最も重要な役割は何だと思いますか?

88 responses



Protection, education, and entertainment are equal.

Zoos = entertainment

⑥ Conclusion

Zoos are becoming places that protect animals, not just show them.

→ They should be centers for coexistence.