

Are Zoos Places to Show Animals or to Protect Them?

① Theme

Animal × Coexistence



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.

② Research Question

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

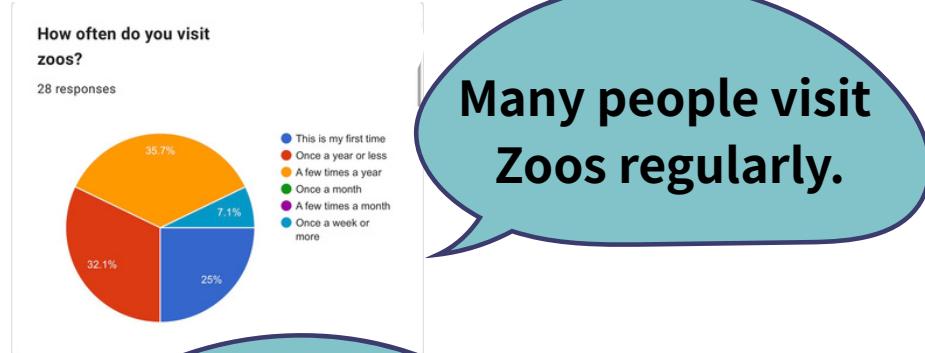


<Methods>

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

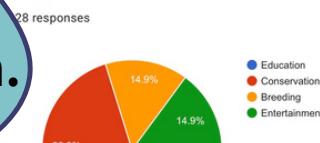
⑤ Comparative Survey Results

America



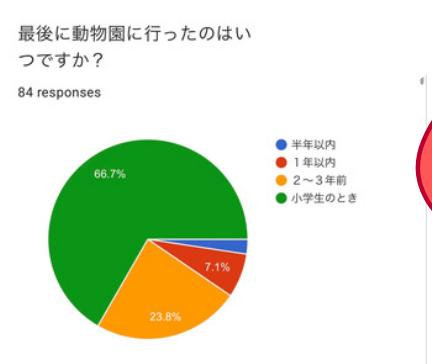
Zoos are seen as Protection&education.

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

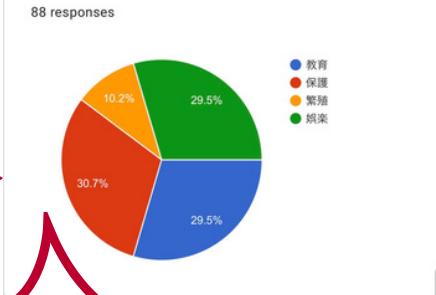


Zoos=place to learn & protect

Japan



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?



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.