

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

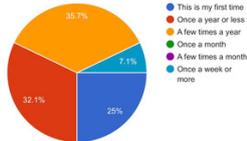
⑤ Comparative Survey Results



America



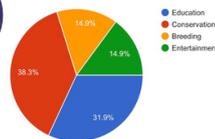
How often do you visit zoos?
28 responses



Many people visit Zoos regularly.

Zoos are seen as Protection&education.

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



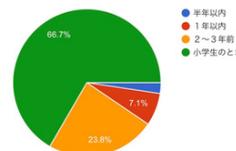
Zoos=place to learn & protect



Japan



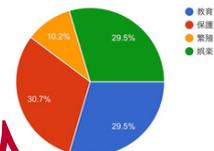
最後に動物園に行ったのはいつですか？
84 responses



Over 70% last visited as children.

Protection, education, and entertainment are equal.

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



Zoos = entertainment

⑥ Conclusion

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

→ They should be centers for coexistence.