## **Objective**

By the end of this lesson, you will have a better understanding of animal welfare and how to care for animals.

## **Materials and Prep**

- Pen and paper
- Access to the internet or books about animals

Before starting this lesson, make sure you have a basic understanding of different types of animals and their needs.

## **Activities**

- Research different animals and their habitats. Write down at least three animals and describe their natural habitat and what they need to survive.
- Create a poster or drawing that shows how to properly care for a pet. Include things like feeding, grooming, exercise, and love and attention.
- Interview a local veterinarian or animal shelter worker to learn more about animal welfare and what they do to help animals in need.

## **Talking Points**

- Animals have different needs just like humans. They need food, water, shelter, and love and attention to be happy and healthy.
- Some animals live in the wild, while others live with humans as pets. It's important to understand their natural habitat and provide them with a suitable environment.
- We should never harm or mistreat animals. They have feelings and can feel pain, just like us.
- When taking care of a pet, it's important to provide them with proper nutrition. Different animals have different dietary needs, so make sure to research what your pet needs to eat.
- Regular exercise is essential for animals to stay healthy. Just like us, they need to move and play to keep their bodies strong.
- Grooming is important for some animals to keep their fur or feathers clean and healthy. This can include brushing, bathing, or even trimming nails or beaks.
- Animals need love and attention. Spending time with your pet, playing, and showing them affection helps build a strong bond and makes them feel happy and loved.
- It's important to be kind to animals we encounter in the wild, too. We should never disturb their natural habitats or try to capture or harm them.
- If you see an animal in need or being mistreated, it's important to tell an adult or contact a local animal shelter or rescue organization for help.