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## Zoo Facts & Opinions

**Directions:** Read the article below about zoos and animal care. Highlight **facts** in one color (for example, blue) and **opinions** in another color (for example, yellow). Remember: **facts** are statements that can be proven true and **opinions** show feelings, beliefs, or judgments.

### **Article: Zoos and Animal Care**

Zoos have been around for thousands of years, with some of the earliest collections found in ancient Egypt and China. Today, modern zoos care for thousands of animals from around the world. Many zoos provide veterinary care, safe habitats, and protection for endangered species.

Some people believe zoos are the best way to protect animals, while others argue animals should live only in the wild. Supporters say zoos are wonderful because children can see animals up close. Critics argue that animals may not get enough space in zoos.

In recent years, many zoos have expanded habitats and created more natural environments. For example, the San Diego Zoo is home to over 12,000 animals and is known for its large, open exhibits. Whether zoos are the perfect solution or not, they play an important role in teaching the public about animals and conservation.