

# Explore Your Community Worksheet: Zoo



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The following questions are designed to build group members' awareness and help them identify issues related to people, animals and the environment within their community. Work with younger members to find the answers and record the results for them. Have older members complete the questions independently or in small groups and share the answers at the end. Adapt this worksheet to meet the specific needs of your group.

## Animals

1. What type of enclosures does your zoo use?

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2. What types of enclosures are recommended by the American or Canadian Zoo Association?

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3. How often are the animals at your zoo given enrichment?

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4. Where does the zoo get enrichment items from?

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5. Research what social settings the animals live in the wild. How do they compare with their captive setting?

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## Environment

1. Does your zoo have a recycling program?

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2. What kind of packaging do the food service establishments at your zoo use?

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3. What kind of dryers does the zoo have in bathrooms—paper towels or hand dryers?

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4. Does your zoo have recycling bins well distributed all over the zoo?

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5. Research the energy consumption of the zoo. How much energy is consumed daily, monthly and annually? Interview zoo personnel to find out the answer.

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## People

Interview different zoo staff members (zookeepers, cashiers, food service people, janitorial staff or zoo membership staff) to find your answers.

1. Is your zoo accessible to people with disabilities—are signs in Braille, can a person sitting in a wheelchair view all exhibits, is a sign language interpreter offered at live shows?

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2. What are the demographics of the people who attend the zoo? (e.g. age, race, gender, etc.)

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