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Protect an animal near you!



A lot of animals on our beautiful planet are in danger. Some are very far away – others are right in our own neighbourhood. They all need our help so why not start close to home? Here are five interesting ways to do it!

Put out water

In hot weather, put bowls of water outside your house. Remember, dogs, cats, birds and even hedgehogs get hot and thirsty, too.



Be careful of rubbish!

Animals in towns look for food in rubbish bins. Sometimes they can choke¹ on rubbish or it can poison them. Make sure your rubbish bin has a lid that they can't open!



Grow plants

Find out what local animals eat and plant it in your garden! You can also grow trees to provide food and shelter for garden animals, from insects to birds.



Report strays

Find the number of an animal shelter and tell them when you see stray² dogs or cats in the streets. Shelters often run special programmes to help strays.



Drive carefully

In country areas drivers must watch out for animals. They mustn't drive fast so that they don't hit any animals on the road.



¹ choke: stop breathing

² stray (animal): without a home



For more information on how you can help, click here

- 1** Look at the title, the pictures and the headings. How can we help animals in danger?

Listen and read to find out.

- 2** Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 Why do we need to put bowls of water outside the house?
- 2 How can we make rubbish bins safe for animals?
- 3 How can rubbish put local animals' lives in danger?
- 4 How do shelters help stray animals?
- 5 How can we protect animals on the roads?

- 3** What is the purpose of the text: to entertain? to inform? to persuade? Give reasons.

- 4** Suggest two more ideas for how to protect animals in your area. Research online for ideas. Use the key words: ways to help neighbourhood animals. Use the text in Ex. 1 as a model.

- 5** It's Environment Day. Give a talk to members of the club on how to protect animals in your area. You can use your ideas in Ex. 4.