

Building a Healthy Habitat

Animals come in all shapes and sizes, but their homes all need the same things. Each animal's home looks different depending on the type of animal and where they live. What does a healthy habitat need?



Food

Each animal eats different food. Some animals eat meat and some animals eat plants. Zoo staff work hard to give each animal healthy food.



Water

All animals need clean water to drink. Some animals spend a lot of time in water, like fish. Some animals need water to clean themselves, like birds. Some animals like to swim, like otters.



Shelter & Space

Each animal's home has quiet places to sleep and indoor spaces to stay safe during bad weather. Animals are given special **enrichment** in their habitats. Enrichment is something that is added to an animal's home, like a puzzle filled with food.



Companions

Some animals live in groups, like gorillas. Some animals live alone, like snakes. Each animal's habitat has the right number of animals.

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Choose an animal and create a habitat. What items will your animal need?

