

## Animal Advocacy: Definitions and Key Questions

Look up the meaning of these words and write your own definitions. Follow your interests and reputable sources to learn more about animal advocacy.

**bias:** leaning toward or having preference for or against one thing, person, or group; we all develop bias as we collect information in the world

**animal welfare:** the well-being of non-human animals

**animal abuse:** mistreatment or neglect of animals in one's care; may be pets, working animals, or animals that cross one's path

**animal shelter:** a place where stray, lost, abandoned, or surrendered animals – mostly dogs and cats – are housed

**Humane Society:** a nonprofit group that promotes the welfare of animals.

**pet:** a domestic or tamed animal kept for companionship or pleasure

**endangered species:** a species of animal or plant that is seriously at risk of extinction

**extinction:** the termination of a kind of organism or of a group, usually a species

**vegan:** a person who does not eat any food derived from animals and who typically does not use other animal products

## Key Questions

1. What are ways that people may neglect or mistreat animals with or without intending to? How could you make people aware of the needs of animals, so it is helpful and informative? Maybe your words could invite someone to donate to an organization that promotes animal welfare.
2. What can you do if you see an animal treated poorly?
3. How do animals impact our lives - as pets, as living in nature in relation to humans, and contributing to the economy? Describe what you would like to see improved related to animals.
4. Tell a story about a time an animal impacted you. What emotions did you feel?
5. In what area do you see a need for growth related to animal welfare in your community or society?
6. How does your community address issues related to animal health and safety?
7. What animal welfare resources are available? How do these resources help the community?

