Global Education 12

Animal Welfare Unit

Feel free to collaborate, but please answer individually in full and complete sentences.

What makes a wild animal wild?

Is a domesticated animal different compared to a wild animal? (example: a wild turkey hunted for Thanksgiving vs. a free range turkey raised for Thanksgiving)

Do people really need pets? Explain your answer.

What about “exotic” pets? Do you think these animals serve the same purpose as a domesticated pet (example: cat)

A “keystone species” is a species of animal that other animals depend on to keep the ecosystem healthy: Elephants eat plants, poop out the seeds and new plants grow…they also dig water holes that other species drink from…

Think of some examples of other keystone species…how would their loss to an ecosystem change the lives of other animals?

What factors drive the “Wildlife Trade” worldwide?

How is stopping the “Wildlife Trade” relevant to me?