

## Informational Pamphlet

**Topic:** Raising conservation awareness to the general public, specifically families with children ages 6-12.

**Audience:** Families with children ages 6-12.

**Purpose:** I've wanted to work with animals for as long as I can remember, but didn't want to be a veterinarian. I wasn't aware that there were other animal based careers outside of vet medicine until I was in my 30's. If I had known there were ways that I could work with animals in other fields, or volunteer at shelters as a child, I could have pursued this career path from day 1. There are many opportunities that families can be involved with animal conservation and the field can use as many volunteers as they can get, but the first step is awareness.



## What is Conservation?

**Conservation means protecting and taking care of nature and animals. Here's how:**

- **Keep Animal Homes Safe** – Protect forests, rivers, and oceans from pollution and destruction.
- **Help Endangered Animals** – Support safe places where they can live and grow.
- **Plant Trees & Flowers** – Help create more homes for birds, bees, and butterflies.
- **Be Kind to Animals** – Respect wildlife by observing from a distance and never disturbing them.

## Why Wildlife Needs Our Help

When forests are cleared, oceans are polluted, and animals lose their homes, entire ecosystems suffer.



## Did You Know?

- Over 1 million species are at risk of extinction due to human activities.
- Plastic pollution kills thousands of marine animals each year.
- Protecting wildlife means protecting the air we breathe and the water we drink.



## Protecting Our Wildlife

**How families can make a difference!**

# Fun Ways to Get Involved

- **Create a Wildlife-Friendly Yard** – Plant native flowers and trees, provide bird feeders, and avoid pesticides.
- **Go on a Nature Scavenger Hunt** – Make a list of local plants and animals to find and learn about them.
- **Make DIY Bird Feeders** – Use recycled materials to create feeders and observe birds in your area.
- **Visit Wildlife Reserves** – Explore national parks, sanctuaries, and nature trails to see conservation in action.

- **Walk Dogs At Your Local Animal Shelters** – Many shelters need volunteers to help feed and walk rescued dogs
- **Foster Rescue Animals** - Sometimes shelters need help caring for puppies and kittens that aren't old enough to be adopted yet

## Volunteering Opportunities for Families

- **Volunteer At A Wildlife Sanctuary** - Wildlife sanctuaries depend on volunteers for a variety of daily tasks.
- **Join a Cleanup Effort** - Animals need clean habitats, just like you! Join a cleanup effort or simply go for a walk and pick up any trash you see.

## Take Action & Stay Connected

- **Visit Nature Centers** – Explore zoos, aquariums, and sanctuaries.
- **Choose Eco-Friendly Products** – Support sustainable and cruelty-free brands.
- **Give Back** – Donate, fundraise, or volunteer for wildlife organizations.
- **Inspire Others** – Encourage friends and family to take small conservation steps.

