

Poor Conditions in City Zoo

Dear Editor,

I am writing about City Zoo in China, which I saw terrible conditions in which the animals were kept and they way some of the visitors behaved. I would like to draw your attention to what I saw and would also like to suggest ways on how to improve the conditions in zoos and how visitors should treat animals in zoos.

I was shocked when I saw the scene in zoo. Even there was a sign to tell people not to feed the animals, the man still fed a monkey a banana. As a result, he was bitten by it. At the same time, there were two men holding sticks to tease the kangaroo and they felt so excited to do so. I think their behaviour were not appropriate. Don't animals need to be respected? And when you look around the zoo, you can see the places where the animals live are so dirty. People threw rubbish everywhere. The most terrible thing I saw was a man riding on the elephant's back but without any safety measures. I can only say that the man was too brave! Besides, there were just some short railings to surround the elephant zone which is too dangerous to the visitors.

I am therefore here to suggest how to improve the conditions in zoo. First, the zoo should be kept clean. It is very important for visitors to have a comfortable environment. Second, the zoo should change the short railings to taller ones which is the minimum guarantee for the safety of the visitors. Make sure visitors cannot get into it by themselves. And I think signs like "Don't feed" are not enough. It should be more consequential words such as "Don't feed to avoid being hurt".

On the other hand, I hope the visitors can treat animals like their friends. Don't make the living environment to be dirty. And visitors should know that the animals are for us to appreciate but not to tease them. Visitors should follow the signposts.

These are my complaints and suggestions. I hope the zoo can be better and it can create a good and relaxing place for both the visitors and the animals.

Yours faithfully,
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