

Leisure with animals

Swimming with dolphins, horse riding, feeding a giraffe, trekking on a camel or an elephant, taking photos with a hawk...

People may do all these things and never question these acts. Nevertheless, we should question ourselves whether this is abuse. Animals forced to carry out activities that go against their own nature, damage their health and psychologically wrecked is considered abuse.

What kind of moral conscience leads us to accept the slavery of animals, kept in captivity against their will?

What idea do we get about the real needs of dolphins (mammals capable of diving up to 100 meters deep in search of food) confined in small pools?

What image is left of us when we see birds that should be flying in flocks in forests and jungles, with their wings cut off or locked in cages so that they can pose in photographs?

Do we really want to see an elephant (in nature lives in large herds and walks up to 50 km a day) alone and chained?

Leisure or tourism with wild animals is an industry that profits from their suffering and transmits **a great lie: that animals in captivity are happy and that forced contact with people is positive for them.**



In Thailand, **Thong Bai** is a star. Over the years, he has become the symbol of omnipotence. He has been in movies and commercials. The problem is that Thong Bai didn't ask for it. He never wanted to become a star, he never wanted to be a symbol; because Thong Bai has spent his entire life mutilated, abused, chained. All his life!!

Forcing an animal to a life in captivity for our amusement (zoos, circuses, dolphin tanks, aquariums) dehumanizes people and numbs society to the effects of the cruelty and degradation we inflict upon them.