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Animals Have Feelings Too

Objective: Students will learn that animals have emotions and how to treat them with kindness.

Age Group: 5-12 years **Duration:** 30-45 minutes

Materials:

- Pictures of animals showing emotions (*see lesson plan page to download*)
- Chart paper or whiteboard

Lesson Steps:

1. Warm-Up Discussion (5-10 min)

- **Ask:** “Do you think animals have feelings? Can they feel love or fear? How can we tell?”
- **Show:** pictures of animals displaying emotions and discuss what they might be feeling.
- **Explain:** “Just like us, animals feel happy, scared, lonely, or excited.” Also talk about how animals use body language to express their emotions - just like we can.

2. Activity: Animal Emotion Charades (15-20 min)

- Students take turns acting out an animal emotion (e.g., a happy dog wagging its tail, a scared cat hiding).
- The class guesses the emotion and discusses how they would treat the animal kindly.

3. Activity: Watch video clips of animals expressing emotions

[Does your dog really love you?](#)

[Mommy dog asks for help](#)

[Swans are happy to be reunited](#)

[Mother pig building a nest and nursing her young](#)

4. Reflection (10 min)

- Students share one way they can be kind to animals.
- Write ideas on the board and discuss.

ANIMAL CHARADES

Curious Cat

Proud Peacock

Playful Dolphin

Relaxed Lion

Loving Monkey

Friendly Goat

Excited Puppy

Frightened Deer

Lonely Kitten

Jealous Parrot

Grumpy Bear

Scared Mouse

Protective Rooster

Nervous Dog

Worried Rabbit

Playful Elephant