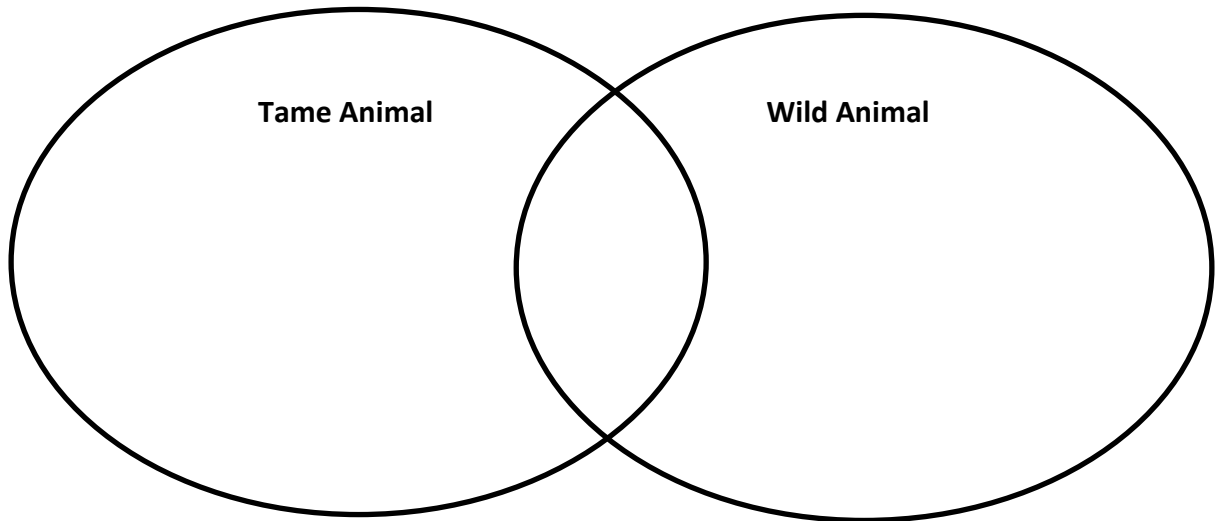


Junior Animal Habitats Badge



Step 1: Find out about wild animals.

Observe a pet or tame animal for at least 15 minutes. Write down your observations of the animal's behavior. Then find a similar animal at the Aquarium and watch it for at least 15 minutes. Which behaviors do they have in common? What behaviors are different?



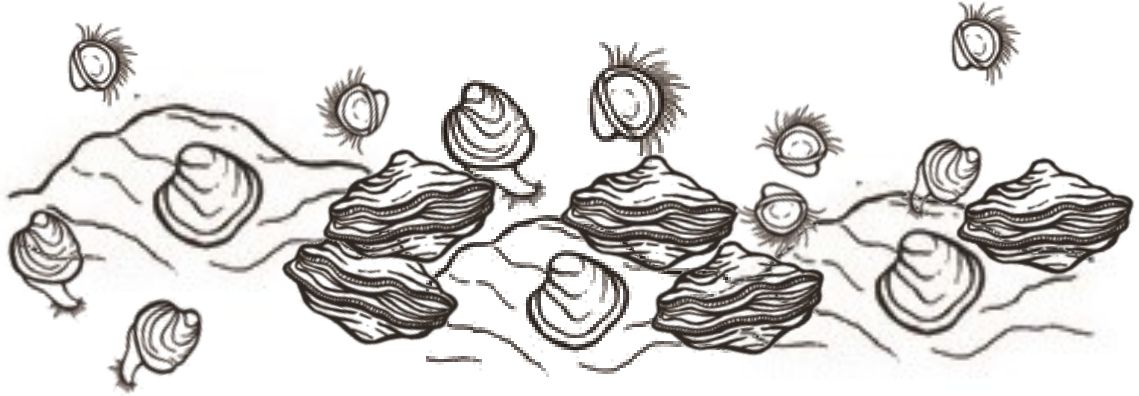
Step 2: Investigate an animal habitat.

Take a walk along the Marsh Loop or Nature Trail. Identify 5 animals as you walk and draw a line(s) to the description that matches the animal. Discuss with your friends or an adult why you think they have these characteristics.

_____	Fur
Animal Name	Feathers
_____	Scales
Animal Name	Hard shell
_____	Claws
Animal Name	Can't move (Sessile)
_____	Can move (Mobile)
Animal Name	Covered by water some of the time
_____	Lives totally out of the water
Animal Name	

Step 3: Create an animal house

Baby oysters, called spat, are pretty tough! They have to survive on their own without the help of their parents. They rely on the oyster reef for food, protection, and shelter. Color the oyster reef below.



Step 4: Explore Endangered Habitats

Wetlands, like those in the Gulf of Mexico and along the Chesapeake Bay, are considered endangered habitats. When animals no longer have their habitat, they have to adapt to a new place to live. Some animals can't change and end up becoming endangered. Check out the information along the oyster reef exhibit on the Marsh Loop and then answer the questions below.

1. Why are wetlands in danger? _____

2. What is happening to the animals? _____

3. What are people doing to help the habitat? _____

4. Are the animals able to adapt? _____

