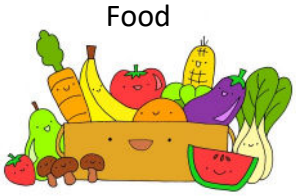
What's Wild

Stay at Home Field Study!

Medina County Park District

All living things need:

Food



Water

Shelter

Space

Without food, water, shelter, and space, an animal cannot survive. In the What's Wild field study, we learn that in order for an animal to be truly wild, it has to be able to find all of these things by itself. Not all animals are able to find these things alone, so not all animals are wild. Some animals are domestic or tame. Examples of these animals are pets such as dogs and cats. These animals need people to provide them with food, water, shelter, and space in order to survive.

What's Wild Activities

Follow along for activities that you can do in your own home or backyard to learn about wild and domestic (tame) animals.

Some animals are tame, and some are wild. **Circle** the tame animals that need help from people:

Search your backyard for a wild animal and observe it from a safe distance. What is that animal doing?

Draw a picture of it here:

Draw a Line

Draw a line from each animal to its shelter (home). Some animals are wild and find shelter outside. Other animals are tame and find shelter indoors with people.

Horse

Squirrel

Bird

Dog

Butterfly

Flower

House

Barn

Nest

Tree

Answer Key

Horse + Barn, Squirrel + Tree, Bird + Nest, Dog + House, Butterfly + Flower

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Helpful Interactions

Even though some animals are wild and do not need help, there are ways people can be helpful. Examples of ways that people can help are: putting up bird feeders, building bat boxes, leaving logs on the ground, and planting native flowers to help butterflies. Imagine one of these helpful interactions in your own backyard. Tell a parent or sibling a story about how this would help animals.

Draw a picture of your helpful backyard here: