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We hope you enjoyed investigating how animals are transported safely and comfortably from one place to another in the **Ranger Buddies Virtual Show: Animals on the Move**.

To round off the session, it's your children's turn to take on an animal transport mission!

Read on to discover why animals are transported between zoos, with real-life examples from our wildlife parks. Children can apply what they've learnt during the live show by choosing an animal, designing and building a suitable mode of transport, preparing everything it needs for the journey, and planning how to transport it safely to its new home.

In this resource pack, you will find:

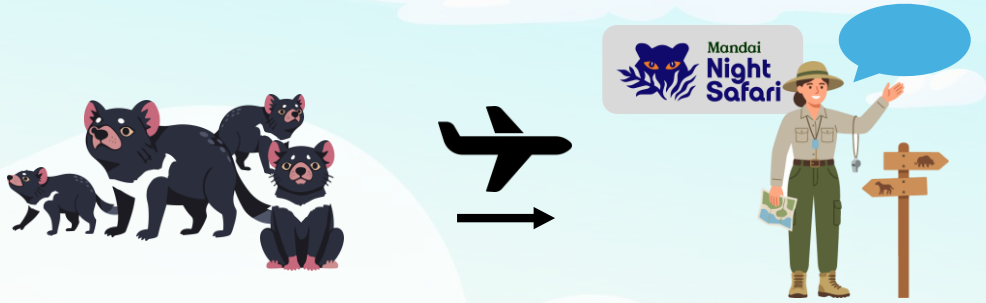
Fact Sheet **Why Animals Move Between Zoos**

Activity **Animal Transport Mission**

Why Animals Are Transported Between Zoos

We can learn about animals and protect them.

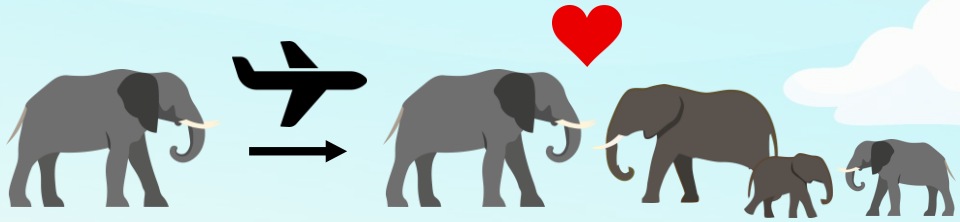
When animals move to zoos in other countries, we can discover species we may not find in our own country. This helps us understand why they are special and how we can protect them.



We welcomed four more endangered Tasmanian devils from Australia to Night Safari, where guests can learn more about these fascinating animals.

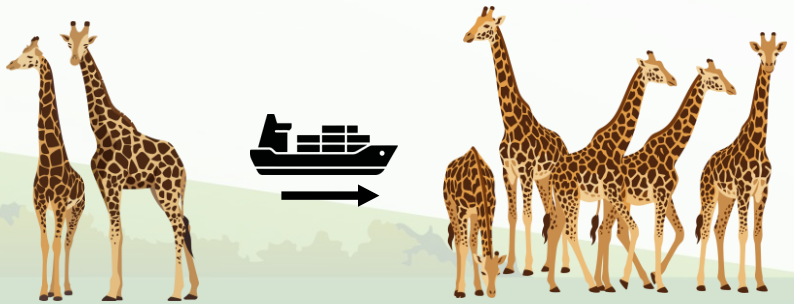
Animals can start new families.

Animals may be moved to another zoo to meet a suitable partner. They may then have young, helping to increase the number of their species under human care.



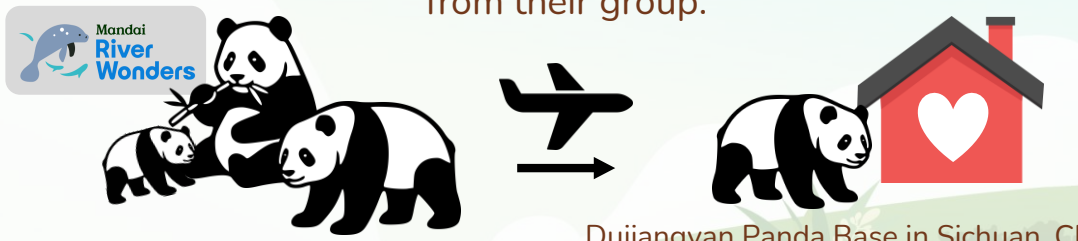
Animals can join a bigger group.

Some animals live in groups. They may move to another zoo to join more of their own kind.



Some animals grow up and live independently.

Animals like tigers and bears live alone as adults. They may move to another zoo when they are ready to leave their mothers or separate from their group.



Dujiangyan Panda Base in Sichuan, China

Le Le, our first giant panda cub at Mandai, moved to China in 2024 to join a conservation programme for his species after becoming independent.

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ANIMAL TRANSPORT MISSION

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Activity

In the Animal Transport Mission (pages 5 to 10), children take part in class discussions, complete hands-on challenges, and fill in simple activity sheets as they work through four steps to transport an animal safely to its new home.

As a class, children will create an animal profile, choose and build a suitable mode of transport, prepare the animal for its journey, and role-play transporting it safely to its new home. Before beginning, prepare the suggested materials for each step.

Step 1: Get to know the animal

Ask children to choose an animal from the live show that they will be transporting to one of our wildlife parks. Help them recall what they learnt during the show and create the animal's profile together.

Discuss these questions with your class:

- Which animal have you chosen for the mission?
- What does it eat?
- Where does it live?
- What should we consider about the animal's body and behaviour when planning its journey?



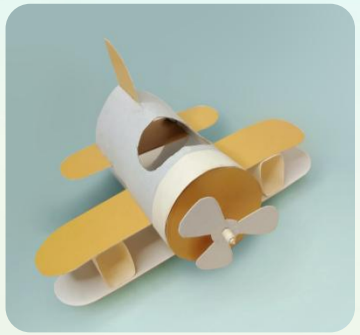
For the mission:

Prepare a small animal toy or make a paper cut-out of the chosen animal. Your class will use it throughout the mission.

Step 2: Choose a suitable transport

Ask the class to decide whether their animal will travel by aeroplane, ship, or lorry.
Then, help children build their chosen mode of transport.
Make sure the animal toy or paper cut-out from Step 1 fits safely inside.

You could use:
Plastic bottles or containers, cardboard, bottle caps, paper, and other clean recycled materials.







Discuss these questions with your class:

- Why is this type of transport suitable for the animal?
- Where will the animal go inside the transport?
- How can we keep the animal safe and comfortable?
- Will the animal have enough space to sit, stand, or move around?

Step 3: Prepare your animal's supplies

Ask the class what the animal needs to stay safe, healthy, and comfortable throughout the journey.

Discuss these questions with your class:

- What will the animal eat and drink?
- What will keep the animal safe and comfortable?
- What else might the keepers need to bring to care for the animals during the journey?





Help your class prepare the animal's supplies.

Children can draw and cut out the items or make simple props using suitable classroom materials.

Ask them to place the prepared items inside the transport model.

Step 4: Guide your animal's journey safely

The animal is ready for its journey! Ask children to place their animal and its supplies inside the transport model, then guide them through the final part of the mission.

If you are visiting one of our wildlife parks:

Bring the animal and transport model along, and invite children to pretend to transport the animal safely to its new home.

For example:



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Don't forget to take a picture!

If you are staying at school:

Set up a pretend classroom journey and guide children as they transport the animal safely. Discuss what might happen and how they would care for it.

Share Your Class's Creations!

Share your class's completed Animal Transport Mission with us!
We will feature selected submissions in a special Animal Transport Gallery during our next Ranger Buddies Virtual Show.

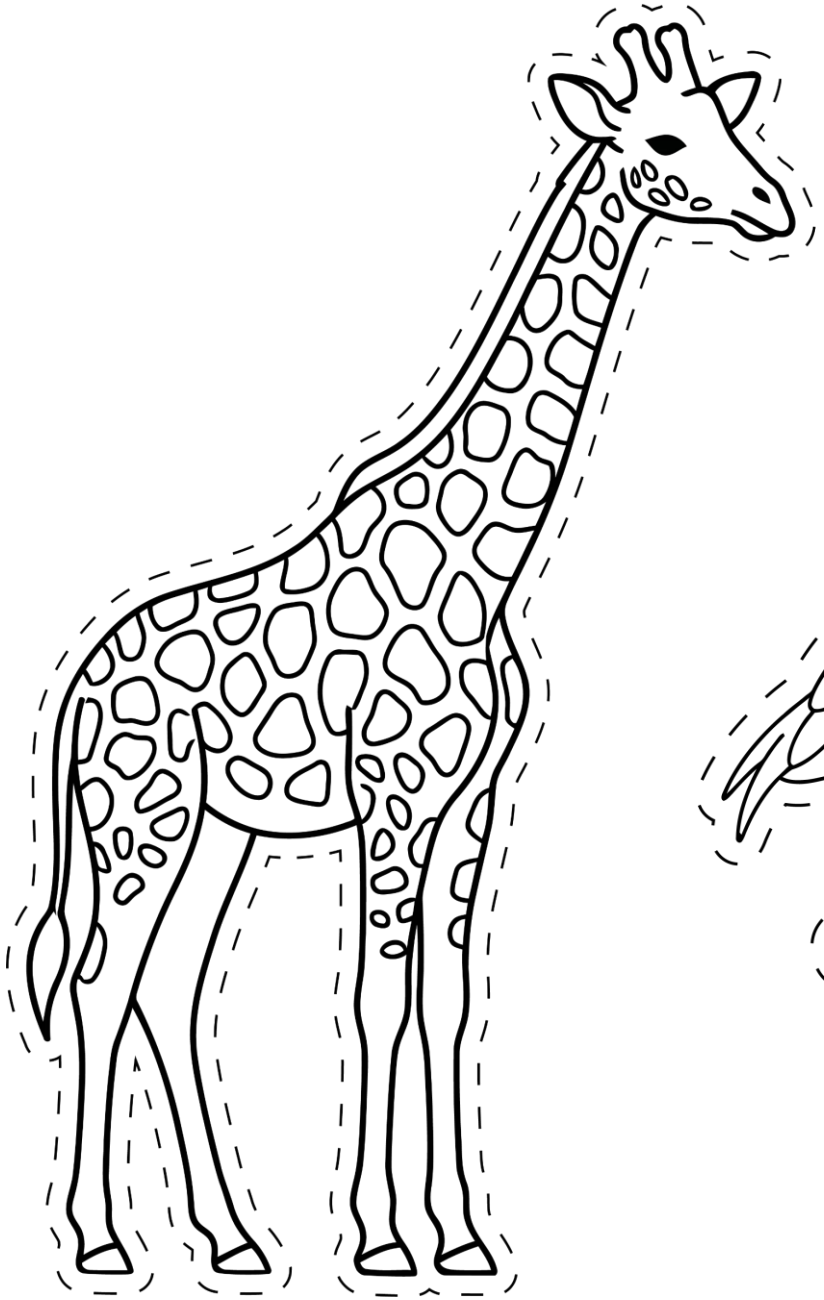


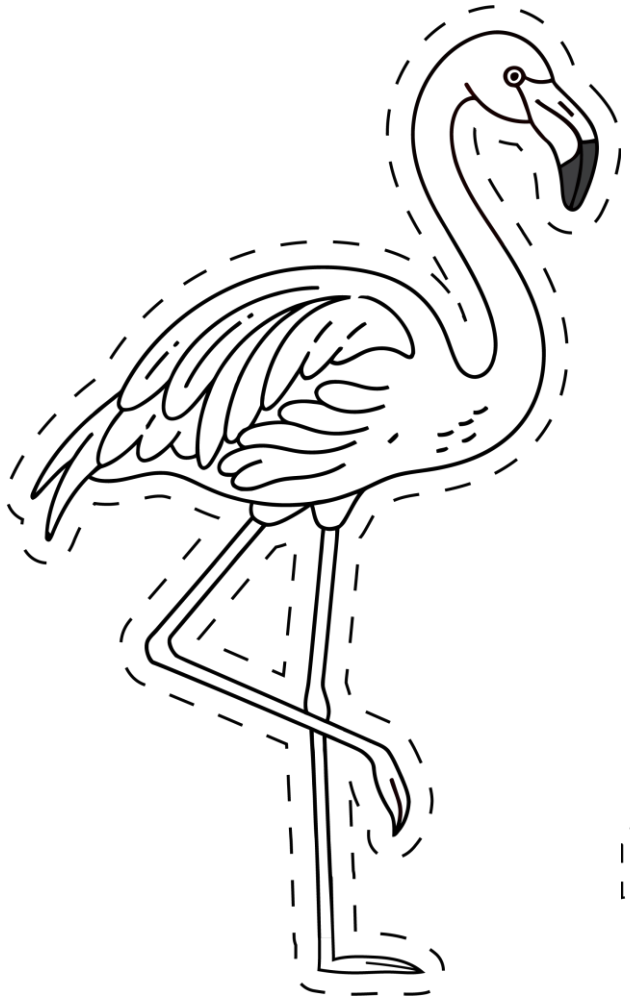
Email the following to kialing.ng@mandai.com by 5 February 2027:

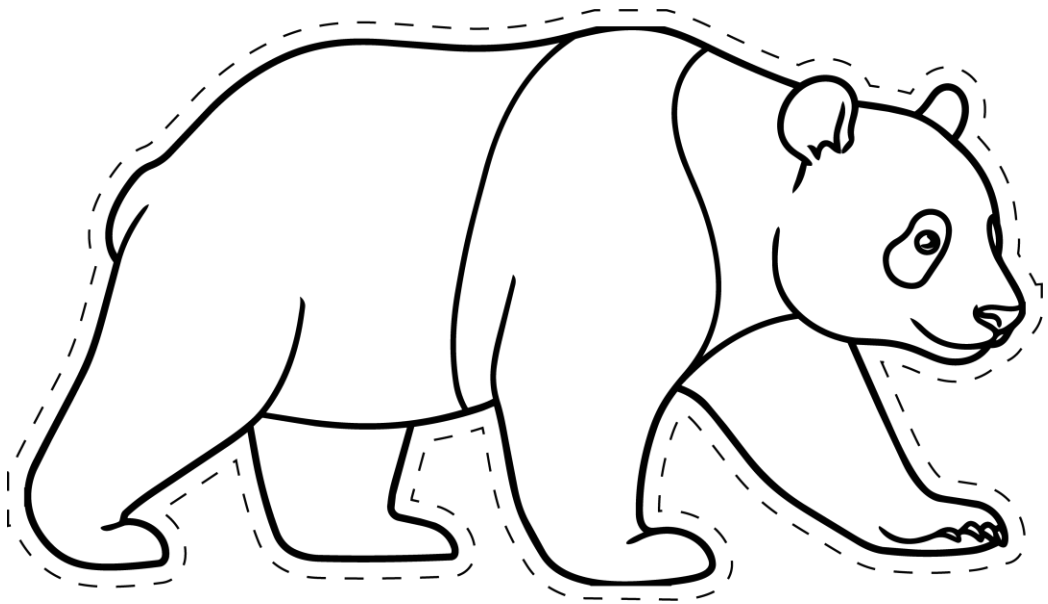
- Centre name
- Class
- A clear photo of your class's completed mission

Before submitting your photos, please blur or obscure the faces and names of any children shown.

We look forward to receiving your children's creations!







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