



Touching Animals at the Zoo

A Social Narrative



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At the zoo, there are many animals to see. In some areas, I might be able to touch the animals. An adult will let me know if it is okay to touch the animals.



There might be other people touching the animal I want to touch. I will try to wait until the other people are gone. Then I will know it is my turn to touch the animal.



I can ask a zookeeper to show me how to touch the animal.



Sometimes loud noises or fast movements can startle animals & they might run. I will try to stay calm & quiet when I am around the animals.



If I touch an animal, I will touch on the animal's back. I will try to be very gentle. Being gentle will keep me & the animal safe.



After I touch an animal, I can wash my hands at the hand washing station.



At Critter Encounters, I might touch a goat on it's back or use a brush to brush the goat. I will try to touch only goats that are outside of the shelters. The goats might feel soft and furry.



At Kangaroo Kickabout, I might touch a kangaroo. I will try to only touch the kangaroos that are on the path. The kangaroos might feel soft & furry.



There are some animals at the zoo I can only look at & not touch. I can try to read about those animals on the signs near their habitats or tell my family about them.

I might like touching animals at the zoo!

