

Goin' On A  
Virtual Zoo  
Field Trip!





### A Virtual Zoo Trip

No zoo in your area, or no budget or time for a trip to a real zoo? Check out these "virtual zoos" online, for an in-class "ed-venture."

<http://kids.sandiegozoo.org/> My personal favorite is the San Diego Zoo site. They have great sound effects that are sure to grab your students' attention. This virtual zoo has a wonderful "kid section" with animal crafts, zoo games, science experiments, and profiles of "Wildly Famous Featured Creatures." They do quite a bit of work with animal conservation and offer all sorts of factual information suitable for reports, plus animal cam & videos and a nice "Jobs at the zoo" section.

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/>

One of the highlights of The National Zoo site (Washington, D.C.) are their giant pandas Mei Xiang and Tian Tian. They feature live animal cams plus a photo gallery slide show with interesting facts.

<http://exzooberance.com/>

They advertise as the "Premier virtual zoo" as they have been online since 1999. Best section: Animal Pictures and Animal Facts

<http://www.houstonzoo.org/>

My fave part of the Houston Zoo's website is the Meet the Animals and Exhibits. There are articles about Animal Art, Animal Conservation, and Animal Care.

<http://www.lpzoo.org/animals>

The Lincoln Park Zoo has an annotated photo gallery of animals that's listed under Animals in the main navigation menu. They also offers PDF versions of their quarterly magazine that's filled with interesting articles on animal behavior and conservation studies. Their movies and slideshows are also under this heading.

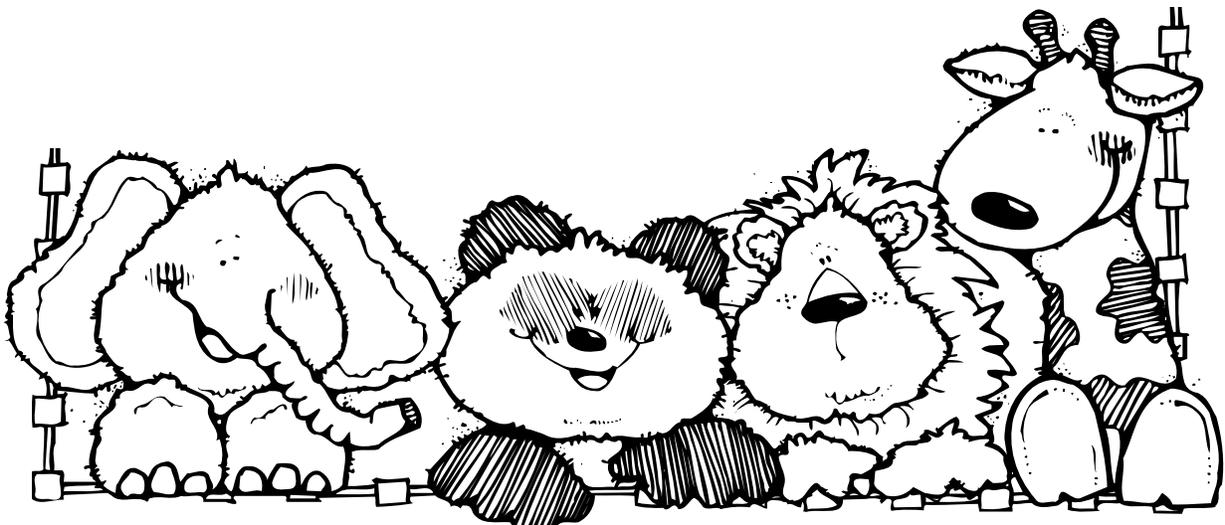
<http://lazoo.org/animals/>

The LA Zoo has a great Animals & Plants section includes: lots of interesting Animal Facts.

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/><http://www.denverzoo.org/> If you're looking for some great photographs of animals, this is a terrific resource.

<http://cincinnati-zoo.org/>

Lots of interesting podcasts and short videos. Such as the baby giraffe, and baby gorilla. Many of the Podcasts were done by tudents.



<http://www.oaklandzoo.org/> Awesome animal section. Click on the animal type (amphibians, mammals, reptiles etc.) and then choose from an alphabetical list. Includes interesting information, a photograph and statistics. Perfect resource to help students write an animal report.

[http://napleszoo.com/Plants\\_Animals/Plants-and-Animals.htm](http://napleszoo.com/Plants_Animals/Plants-and-Animals.htm)  
Naples Zoo is in Florida. Click animals (zebra picture) for a list of animals. Then click the animal to find out all sorts of information about it. Also a nice resource to help students with their animal reports.

Not a virtual zoo, but a great animal-packed site:

Randomals Random animal games. "Kids are inherently interested in the nature around them. With animal games and nature games kids are able to gain knowledge while having fun playing with wild animals and exploring nature."

My personal favorite: Bembo's Zoo.

[http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/animal\\_and\\_nature\\_games/randomals/bembos-zoo.html](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/animal_and_nature_games/randomals/bembos-zoo.html)

