

# Wildlife Selfies & Ethical Tourism:

## What You Should Know and How You Can Help



### Background

Lady Freethinker investigations continue to expose brutal cruelty to animals in facilities where selfies with wildlife are sold to the public.

Animals used in forced photos may develop both physical and psychological wounds from a lifetime in chains. These innocent animals are handled roughly, confined in tiny enclosures, jabbed, whipped, and intentionally malnourished.

Animal lovers may believe that the fee for a selfie goes to conservation efforts, but this is rarely the case. Children are brought to these facilities to “learn” about wild animals, but they may leave thinking that animal abuse is normal.

**To protect these animals, we must take action.**

**NEVER participate in forced animal photos,  
and tell your friends and family to do the same.**

#### Please remember:

- Do not pay for hands-on experiences with animals in any facility, regardless of their posted stance on recovery or conservation.
- Never approach or chase animals living in the wild for any reason, including photos.

#### How you can help:

- Educate the community by sharing this information sheet. The more people know about this issue and demand change, the more likely we are to be successful in ending this cruel practice.
- Sign Lady Freethinker petitions urging policymakers to protect wildlife.



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