

# KEEP IT WILD!

## HUMANE EDUCATION WORKSHOPS



An exciting combination of science, compassion and action, each half-day workshop meets specific expectations of the Ontario Science and Technology Curriculum. Through hands-on scientific investigation, interactive games, and engaging activities, students will discover how the health, behaviour, and well-being of wild animals is affected by their environment. And best of all, they'll learn how they can take action and make a difference in the lives of all wild animals.

### A POLAR BEAR IN MEXICO?

#### A grade 2 unit on animal adaptations

- Discover how polar bears are superbly adapted for life in a bitterly cold world.
- Experiment with blubber and ice water to find out how polar bears stay warm.
- Check out how polar bears' feet are adapted for ice and snow.
- Investigate a polar bear's skull and teeth, and find out how it hunts.
- See if you can jump as far as a polar bear can when it pounces on its prey.
- Make some predictions about how far polar bears travel in one day or in one year, and how far they can swim without stopping.
- Put it all together and find out why polar bears are ill-suited for a life in captivity.
- Discover why Yupi the polar bear is adapted to a life in the frozen arctic, not a life in a barren concrete enclosure in the tropical sun.
- Best of all, find out what you can do to help Yupi!

### A WHALE IN A SWIMMING POOL?

#### A grade 4 unit on habitats and food chains

- Find out what a killer whale's ocean habitat is really like – it's a lot more than just salty water!
- Play Krill: A Whale of a Game and discover what food chains exist in the Antarctic Ocean.
- Listen to the sounds a killer whale makes to communicate with its own pod, and find out how scientists study these calls.
- Discover how whales "see" in the ocean, using echolocation. Find out if you can catch your prey by listening for echoes.
- Make some predictions about how far a killer whale can swim in one day, and how deep they can dive.
- Put it all together and find out why killer whales are ill-suited for a life in captivity.
- Meet Corky, the longest held captive killer whale in all history and compare his captive habitat with an ocean habitat.
- Best of all, find out what you can do to help Corky!

**WORKSHOP FEES:** \$175/half-day workshop

**To book your workshop**

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