



Save the Animals Letter Campaign DIY Project

Civic Circle Area: Voice

The impact of COVID-19 continues to change our daily lives and routines, but volunteering and civic engagement are just as important as ever. This project can be modified to adhere to social distancing guidelines set by local and national authorities, to do virtually or to do at home and deliver via mail or drop off.

Raise awareness of endangered animals in your community and around the world and advocate to protect their habitats by reaching out to local politicians.

Why Is It Important?

Over 32,000 species worldwide are currently threatened with extinction, meaning that they are close to being gone forever. Animals can be in danger of becoming extinct by losing their habitats where they live, facing competition for food from other animals, pollution, hunting, disease, pesticides and more. Be the voice for endangered animals and advocate to protect them and where they live by writing your local politician.

What You Need:

- Paper
- Envelopes
- Stamps

Steps:

1. Do some research! Look into endangered and threatened animals in your area by [visiting a wildlife refuge](#) researching the [Fish & Wildlife Service site](#).
2. Learn about what is being done to protect different endangered and threatened animals by researching laws that have been passed to protect them, like the [Endangered Species Act](#).
3. Discuss other ways your community, state and/or country can protect endangered and threatened animals. Pick one animal or issue to address with your politician.
4. Start your letter writing campaign! Draft a letter, asking your local politician to protect endangered species and where they live. Optional: Check out [Defenders of Wildlife](#) to join a current letter-writing campaign.
5. Share the letter and additional information about the animal your letter advocates for with family, friends and community members. Ask them to write letters too!
6. Mail the letters to your local politician and remember to follow-up.
7. Thank the people who helped write letters.

Reflection Questions:

- What did you learn about endangered animals?
- What other ways can you help spread knowledge about endangered and threatened animals?