

"Should Wild Animals Be Kept as Pets" and "No Thought of Reward"  
VOCABULARY STUDY

**Directions:** As your teacher reads each item, listen for the boldfaced word. Discuss possible meanings of the word, and write on the chart what you think the word means.

1. Living in **captivity** is not a natural state for wild animals that previously roamed and hunted in their native habitats.
2. It has taken centuries to **domesticate** to the dog and accustom it to living with humans.
3. Often the **instinctive** reaction of a wild animal is to attack if it feels threatened.
4. A small cage or tiny backyard is obviously an **unsuitable** environment for an animal that is used to living in the wild.
5. At first, Sandra and the others eyed the new girl suspiciously. They new she was an **immigrant** from a country in Eastern Europe.
6. Before long, they couldn't help but notice her **dedication** to her schoolwork. Her serious attitude impressed them.
7. She seemed to **appreciate** any help the teacher or fellow students gave her.
8. So they decided to **contribute** more of their time and energy to helping her adjust.

VOCABULARY WORD	PREDICTED MEANING	MEANING IN SELECTION
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