

Farm animal observation

Welfare detective

Making the most of education

Help your child get the most out of their visit with these three conversation starters.



They'll help you explore how farmed animals behave and how they feel - turning a fun day out into a chance to learn about kindness together.

Focus on the positives, prepare for the heavy conversations

Start by focusing on the positives of farmed animal welfare through their behaviour.

Over time, children will naturally hear about the harder realities, but that isn't the focus here.

Be ready to support them by:

- Acknowledging their observations, feelings and compassion
- Answering with honest, simple facts about differences in care
- Sharing hope that we can make animals' lives better

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Animals I saw today:



Tick the behaviours you spot:

- ☐ Drinking
- ☐ Eating
- ☐ Moving freely
- ☐ Grooming themselves or another animal
- ☐ Resting alone or next to a friend
- ☐ Investigating alone or with another animal
- ☐ Playing with an enrichment item or another animal

Did you spot any other behaviours?

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Look for clues in an animal's home that keep them healthy, comfy, and free to do what they love!

What will you spot that makes animals happy?

What to do:



Draw at least **two** clues you find today.



Explain how they make animals happy.



Use the notes below to help you find clues!



Nutrition

Food and water
Look for available...

Grass or hay
Food troughs or enrichment
Fresh water



Environment

Safe and comfortable
Look for access to...

Fresh air and natural light
Trees or roofs for shade or shelter
Safe, clean spaces to hide or rest



Behaviour

Fun and company
Look for opportunities like...

Having the right type of company
Places to scratch or dig
Climbing structures



Health

Keeping healthy
Look for clues like...

Clean and dry bedding
Scratch posts or brushes
Mud or dust to bathe in



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Draw two clues you found in the box below and explain:

- ☐ Why are these important for animals?
- ☐ How do they make animals feel?