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### Improving the Lives of Animals

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to be an animal? I am going to be getting a puppy soon, and I believe it is really important to keep our pet animals safe and healthy. So, I will make sure my puppy is well taken care of. I wish all animals could be kept safe and healthy the way mine will be.

The first way I would improve the lives of animals is to make sure they are healthy. Animals should be taken to the veterinarian for regular check-ups and to get vaccinations. They should be fed regularly with healthy dog food. Animals need shelter from bad weather and predators as well, so they will be safe. In the winter, animals need to be kept warm and dry by bringing them inside. This will prevent them from becoming sick.

Another way to improve the lives of animals is to take care of nature where they live. It is important to clean up litter around us, so it doesn't harm any animals. For example, the plastic rings that hold drinks together need to be cut before they are recycled, so they don't get wrapped around or stuck on an animal. We should also not pollute water around animals, so that they can have something to drink.

Lastly, we should improve the lives of animals by making sure that stray animals are taken to shelters and adopted. If we leave stray animals on the street, they will continue to have litters. This will make the problem worse, because there will be even more animals without homes. At the shelter these stray animals will be well cared for, and the staff will make sure they receive their vaccinations and anything else they need. These animals will remain safe and healthy until they are adopted into loving homes.

These are some of the ways I believe animals' lives should be improved. If all animals were kept safe and healthy, if we care more for nature, and if stray animals were adopted, there would be fewer animals that had to die each year in our community. If you had an animal, how would you keep it safe and healthy?