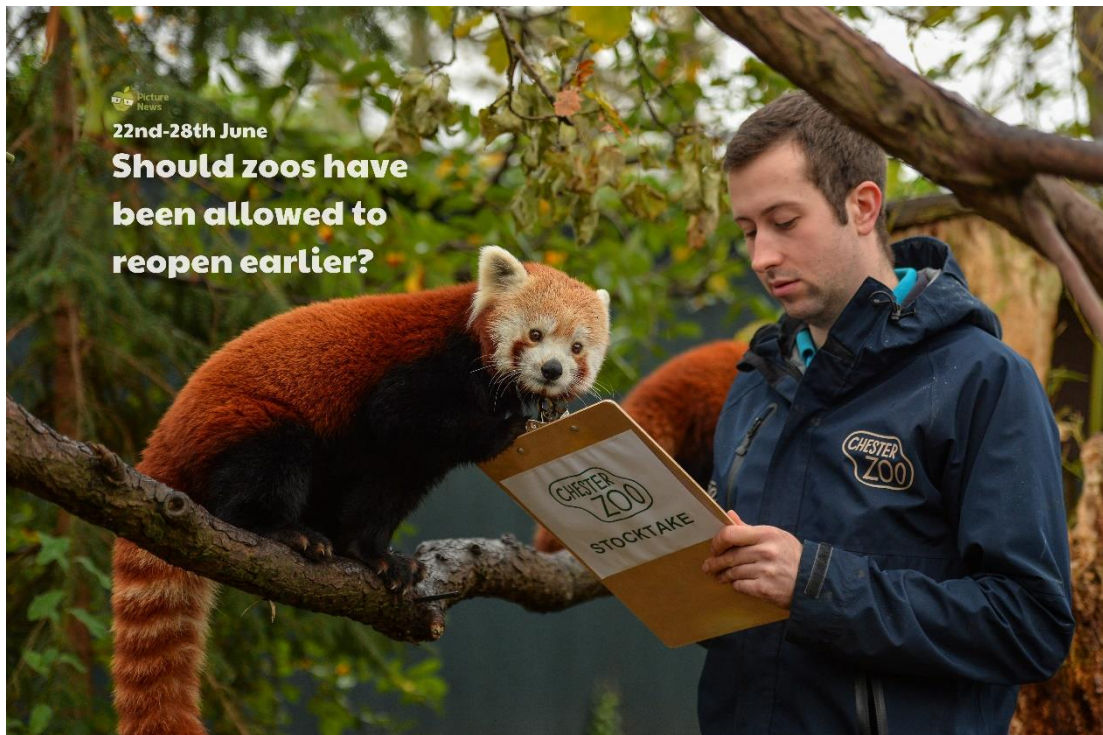


## Picture News w/b 19.6.20



Chester Zoo is the largest zoo in the UK and was closed on 21st March, following lockdown restrictions due to the Covid-19 outbreak. It reopened on 15th June, after being closed for 3 months. During the long period it was closed, the owners were concerned that it may not ever have been able to reopen due to the huge lack of income caused by the closure and the huge costs involved in feeding the animals. Zoos cost huge amounts of money to run and have had to close for many months due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Many have been finding innovative ways to keep people informed and learn about different animals, whilst raising money to keep the animals fed and taken care of.

Useful video links:

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-52986783](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-52986783)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52483218>

### **Listen, Think, Share**

- Why do you think zoos running costs are so high?
- Have you been to a zoo before? What did you like about it? Was there anything you didn't like? If you haven't been to one before, would you like to? Why?
- What do you think is the main purpose of zoos? Talk through reasons such as for conservation purposes or education.
- Watch this week's useful video (found overleaf), which shows people talking about zoos being closed. Who do you think is most affected by the closures? Do you think they should have been allowed to reopen earlier?

## Resource 1

Look at the resource below, which shows some of the wild animals you might find if you visited a zoo.



Lion



Aardvark



Chimpanzee



Chameleon



Penguin



Zebra

Use the link below to look at the collection of wild animals at Chester Zoo.  
[www.chesterzoo.org/our-zoo/animals](http://www.chesterzoo.org/our-zoo/animals)

Do you recognise them all?  
Have you ever seen any of them for real?  
Which one is your favourite?

## Resource 2

Look at the resource below, which shares why some people think we have zoos.

Zoos have programmes where they try to reintroduce wild animals into their natural habitat. This is so important to ensure animals do not become extinct. Sadly, reintroduction can't always happen if the reason the animal is endangered in the first place isn't fixed.

Conservation Scientist

Zoos are so important as whilst wild animals are in captivity, we can learn much more about them so we can manage and conserve them in the wild.

Zoo Ranger

Do you agree/disagree with any of the opinions?  
Why do you think we have zoos?  
How do you feel about them?

I love visiting zoos as I feel like I can connect with the natural world and learn more about animals and conservation.

Zoo Visitor



A zoo visitor

I enjoy visiting the zoo and am happy that my entrance fee will be used to look after the animals and for research.

Zoo Visitor

Zoos are equipped to respond to emergencies, where a certain species of animal may need immediate help to save it.

Veterinarian

