

## HEALTHY AND HAPPY!

At the zoo, our keepers and vet team work hard to make sure our animals stay healthy and happy. This includes regular vet checks, homes which provide shelter and safety, and providing the right diet for each animal.

We encourage the animals to use their natural behaviours and instincts to find their food and eat it. This is a form of 'enrichment' which helps to keep our animals active and connected to their wild ways.



### MEET THE MEERKATS

Our meerkats really enjoy using their sense of smell and paws to search out crickets or mealworms hidden in the tubes.



### MEET THE RHINOS

Rhinos have a fantastic sense of smell and can smell food hidden inside the blue drum. The rhinos are enjoying pushing it around with their horns and eating what falls out.



### MEET THE LEMURS

Lemurs can use their hands just like our hands! Once they smell food hidden inside, the lemur just needs to work out how to open the box and get the treats.

## ENRICH THE LIVES OF YOUR PETS AT HOME.

Just like our zoo animals, your pets at home can also benefit from enrichment activities that get them using their natural instincts while having fun. Here are some ideas for you to create at home.



#### DOG

Create a chewy tug-a-war toy

To make:

- 1 Use 3 thick strips of old material – the more colours the better!
- 2 Plait together and tie at each end.

*Now play tug-a-war!*



#### CAT

Make a play toy with a surprising sound!

To make:

- 1 Use a pipecleaner to tie a bell and pieces of material to a piece of string.
- 2 Dangle in front of your cat and pull along the ground.

*Let the games begin*



#### GUINEA PIG, RABBIT, MOUSE

Create a surprise bag with a treat inside

To make:

- 1 Take a paper bag and decorate it with crayons.
- 2 Put a small bundle of woodwool into it.
- 3 Sprinkle herbs into the bag and shake.

*Punch sniff holes into the bag and tie it*



#### BIRD

Surprise your birdy with a game of hide and seek

To make:

- 1 Take 2 pieces of egg carton and thread the cups together with string.
- 2 Hide some treats inside the cups.

*Can your birdy find it?*