

Vegan Education in Schools

Vegan Clubs

Years 7 to 12

Animal rights scavenger hunt

Overview

An animal rights scavenger hunt is a fun, interactive activity that combines movement and learning. Students explore their surroundings, solve clues, complete tasks and answer questions related to animal rights, veganism and animal facts. This hands-on approach encourages teamwork, critical thinking and engagement with key animal rights issues.

Scavenger hunt content ideas

1. Focus on animal behaviours and conservation.

- Example tasks:
 - "Find the fact card about kangaroo conservation and name two threats to their survival."
 - "Locate the poster of an Australian native bird and describe one way their habitat is being destroyed."

2. Incorporate questions about veganism.

- Example tasks:
 - "Find the vegan food guide and list three alternatives to dairy products."
 - "Discover the clue about vegan protein and name three protein-rich vegan foods."

3. Highlight animal protection laws and global issues.

- Example tasks:
 - "Locate the poster about the law protecting marine life in Australian waters." (Answer: The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.)
 - "What international treaty works to protect endangered species worldwide?" (Answer: CITES.)

Make the scavenger hunt dynamic with physical tasks.

- Examples:
 - "Hop like a kangaroo for 10 metres to understand their incredible mobility."
 - "Walk like a crab for 5 metres to imagine how marine animals navigate the ocean floor."

5. Include creative and teamwork-based challenges.

- **Examples:**
 - "Draw a poster with your team encouraging people to adopt animal companions instead of buying from breeders."
 - "Act out the life of a rescued animal in a sanctuary. Let your team guess the species!"

6. Use technology to enhance the experience.

- Examples:
 - Include QR codes that link to rescue videos, vegan recipes or animal rights facts.
 - Create a virtual map with hotspots for students to "unlock" information as they progress.

7. Add a climate and environment focus.

- Examples:
 - "Find the card explaining how deforestation impacts koalas and write down one solution to help."
 - "Locate the clue about ocean plastic and name two marine species affected."
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How to organise the scavenger hunt

1. Prepare the materials

- Create fact cards, posters or QR codes with information about animals, veganism and animal rights issues.
- Place these around the designated area (classroom, school or outdoor venue).

2. Set clear rules

- Explain the tasks and scoring system. For example:
 - 10 points for completing a trivia question.
 - 5 points for performing a physical task or creative challenge.

3. Make it competitive and fun

- Award prizes for the highest-scoring team or most creative solution. Prizes could include vegan snacks, animal-themed bookmarks or certificates.

4. Reflect at the end

- Gather students for a discussion to reflect on what they learned. Ask questions like:
 - “Which task taught you the most surprising fact?”
 - “What’s one action you can take to help animals?”
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Outcomes

- **Increased awareness:** Students learn about key animal rights issues, including wildlife conservation, veganism and laws.
- **Teamwork and creativity:** Students collaborate to complete tasks, solve problems and come up with creative solutions.
- **Engagement and physical activity:** By moving around and participating actively, students are more likely to retain the information.
- **Empowerment:** Students feel inspired and equipped to take actionable steps in their daily lives to support animals.