# WHERE DO ANIMALS LIVE?

# HABITAT noun \'ha-bə-,tat\

The place or environment where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives and grows.



**PANDAS** live in the mountains and forests of western China.



**RED PANDAS** live in the forests of the eastern Himalayas.



## **GRIZZLY BEARS**

live in the forests, mountains, meadows, and polar regions of Alaska, the northwestern United States and Canada.



**POLAR BEARS** live in the polar regions of the Arctic.



SPECTACLED
BEARS live in the forests and mountains of South America.

# **5 SIGNS OF A HAPPY HABITAT**

To build a happy habitat, bears need:

**FOOD:** Will they have enough food to survive in their habitat?

**WATER:** Will they have a source for fresh drinking water?

SHELTER: Will they be protected from the weather,

other animals and humans?

SAFETY: Will they be safe and secure in their habitat?

COMMUNITY: Will they be able to raise their young

and fit into their environment?

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2 WAYS TO PRESERVE HABITATS

*Preservation* means keeping habitats safe so animals can continue living in comfortable and happy homes.

### **STUDY CLIMATE CHANGE**

Environments can change a lot over time and sometimes this means animals have to search for new habitats ... like polar bears in the Arctic are currently doing. Polar bears love hanging out on sea ice, but it's melting because of warmer weather, so sometimes they have to spend time on shore instead. By studying climate change, we can help animals like the polar bear live happily and safely when their environments change.

### **UNDERSTAND OUR IMPACT**

We all share this world together, animals and humans alike. We can help preserve habitats by understanding and appreciating what animals need to live happily and do our part to keep the environment safe for all the bears and other animals of the world.



