GIVE COMPANIONSHIP: **Animal Welfare**

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Being good stewards of the animals in our care includes raising awareness for rescue efforts, supporting wildlife rehabilitation, and protecting the multitude of species on our planet. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, there are 742 animals currently listed on the endangered species list in America alone. While extinctions do happen naturally, evidence suggests that rates increase based on habitat loss, hunting, and other human interference.

Perhaps even more than their wild cousins, our domesticated animals truly depend on us. Those who have adopted beloved animals from shelters and rescue organizations know how much joy those animals bring to the home. Donors and volunteers keep those organizations going, providing veterinary support and other resources that help keep animals safe and healthy while they wait to find their fur-ever families.

These creatures, with whom we share the Earth, cannot speak for themselves, and so it is the mission of many CFC charities to speak on their behalf. Animal welfare organizations promote a hopeful future for scaly, furry, feathered, and fin-covered species alike, who in turn enrich our lives.

**Here are a few examples of how when you GIVE HAPPY through the CFC, you can GIVE COMPANIONSHIP through charities working in the animal welfare cause area:**

* Rehabilitate injured wildlife.
* Rescue sea life trapped in plastic and other human refuse dumped in the oceans.
* Vaccinate and micro-chip a service dog.

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