

** The Great Adventures of Rosie and Bolek **



A CAS PROJECT

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Prologue

Hi, my name is Rosie.

I have traveled the world with my brother, Bolek, trying to care for and learn about all animals we come across.

Throughout my numerous adventures I had kept diary entries with stories of almost every animal I spotted. My brother also kept a diary and maybe you will see some of his descriptions here.

I hope you will enjoy reading about my journey as much as I enjoyed writing it all down for you.

Maybe this will inspire you to go out into the world and discover the different species for yourself.



12/22/2018

Dear Diary,

It is the middle of winter here in North America. The temperatures are freezing here but thankfully I wore a lot of layers. One animal that does not need layers, though, is the bobcat, *lynx rufus*. They hunt in the winter even though the animals they prey on are often hibernating. Some small critters are still awake, so the bobcat must take every opportunity it can get. The bobcat hunts for mice by jumping from rock to rock so it is not heard stepping on the crunchy snow. Other times, they jump face first into the snow to make their catch. It is quite a funny sight to see the bobcat with its face stuck within the snow.

Signing out,
Rosie



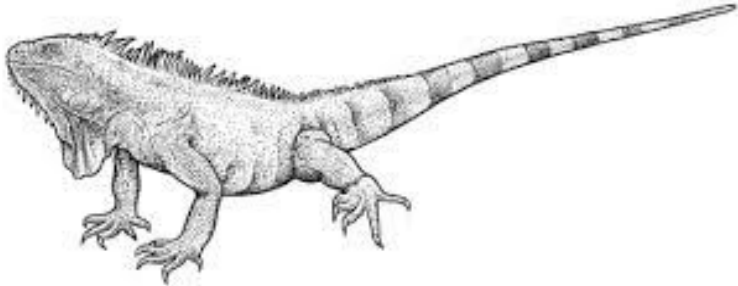
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Dear Journal,

My sister and I are now in the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador. We are in the same place Charles Darwin did his research on the different types of finches all over the different islands and came up with his theory of natural selection. The particular island that we are situated on is still very volcanic and active. There is not a lot of food found here, but that does not bother the iguanas. They also came up with the best adaptation to suit their needs. The iguanas on this island swim underwater searching for food and can hold their breath for upto 30 minutes! That's really amazing, I didn't know animals like that existed. I can't wait to see many more awesome animals all over the world.

Logging off,

Bolek



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2/4/2019

Dear Diary,

This time I am writing to you all the way from Northern Africa. The really amazing animal found here in the steep cliff side is the Ibex. Ibex are almost like mountain goats. They have hooves that help them climb the mountainous terrain. It is so difficult to climb that they are one of the only animals able to do so. The kids, a name given to Ibex babies, live on the safe mountain tops for the first few days of their lives. As they start learning how to walk, they travel downhill to get food in large groups that include their mother. They can encounter danger at the bottom of the hill, such as foxes, but their clever nature and strong instinct often save it.

Signing out,
Rosie



2/27/2019

Dear Journal,

Off the coast of Panama, I got to witness an animal that swims that I never expected to be able to do so. The pygmy sloths swim in order to meet with other individuals of their species. They have a pretty easy life on this island. The food is plentiful and there aren't any predators. This is the only place in the world in which they live. The sloth babies spend at least six months clinging on tightly to their mother and then often spend up to four years with her. I think that's really cool. Animals that are able to swim seem to me to be quite impressive.

Logging off,

Bolek

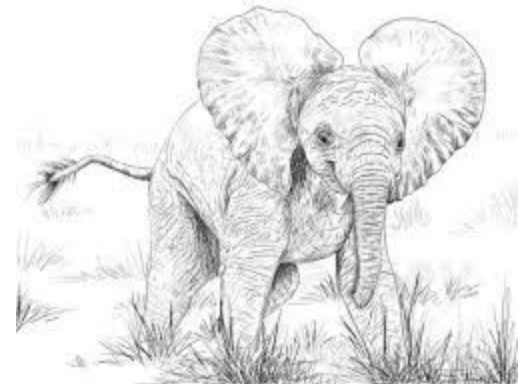


3/16/2019

Dear Diary,

In the African plains, there are sometimes deltas that arise after the rain falls from many miles away from the South. Many elephants go on journeys through the plains with no food and water to reach that area. On the way they have to persevere through sand and dust storms that make travelling that much more difficult. Sometimes a female and her calf can separate from the group. Sometimes they are fortunate enough to emerge from the dust and find their way back. Finally, when they get to the water they can drink from and swim in the deep and refreshing pool. It's so astonishing seeing such grand animals look so graceful and able to swim.

Signing out,
Rosie



4/3/2019

Dear Journal,



In the mountainous regions of China, Giant Pandas make this their home. Surrounded by bamboo, they feed here and never go far away as it is their only food source. That is also the best place for bamboo to grow. Mother pandas often have one cub at a time that they take care of. Cubs are blind and don't open their eyes fully until a few months after their birth. I've only ever seen a panda in the zoo before and never in the wild. They are truly majestic creatures. The pandas have their beautiful black and white coats to protect them from the cold and snow, but I had to come prepared with my own jacket.

Logging off,

Bolek

Epilogue

My brother and I hope you enjoyed learning about our adventures!

We hope the content you viewed was educational and at the same time inspirational.

You don't have to travel as far as we did to go on your own amazing journey. You can volunteer at your local animal shelter and still have plenty of new experiences.

Until we write next time, expect us to be traveling to a new place in the world that we have never visited before, viewing and documenting even more species!

