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EXPECTED STANDARD  
NON-FICTION

An appropriate heading with a rhetorical question

A strong introduction that sets the scene (although there is an error in the punctuation)

Should animals be kept in the zoo or live in the wild?

Composition

A well-structured piece of writing, highlighting key reasons for and against within paragraphs. An effective formal tone is also used.

There has been a substantial amount of discussion about whether or not animals should be kept in zoos? Here are some points for both sides.

High-level spelling of suffixes

A consistent use of present tense

Recently, the public have stated that animals should be kept in zoos. If animals are kept in zoos then extinction may not occur and the government have claimed that too. In zoos, when animals have an injury a vet is always there to help. Another point for is, if an animal has difficulties giving birth someone is always there to help. Animals should be kept in zoos because they always have a supply of food which prevents starvation.

Topic vocabulary used to match purpose and audience.

Increasing range of sentence structures in the writing

Homophones spelt correctly

Alternatively, other people think animals shouldn't be kept in a zoo because animals might be taken away from their loved ones. Some animals won't even know what is classed as 'normal'. Animals might be upset and might be forced to do things they don't like for example: they might be

Fronted adverbials (with a comma) add detail

Use of pronouns

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eating food they don't like. In the wild, animals can decide when to give birth to a baby. Also, animals might want to leave the zoo but they have no chance therefore, if they are put back in the wild they won't know what to do and that is not fair.

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to add detail  
(VGP)

A strong conclusion  
with a justified  
reason, that  
demonstrates good  
grammar (especially  
verb tenses)

Having considered both sides, I believe that animals shouldn't be kept in the zoo because it results in animals not doing what they are supposed to be doing naturally, eg hunting and finding shelter.

TRANSCRIPTION

Spelling is mostly accurate

HANDWRITING

Maintains legibility and most letters are appropriately joined