

## NATURE

People often compare certain qualities to those of an animal. For example, “he's as brave as a lion”, “as strong as an ox”, and so on. Translate some typical animal comparisons, and find Czech equivalents.

Many animal breeders cater to the tastes of their customers by crossing animals with relatives that are much too close. Cruel genetic damage results from this practice. How can it be controlled, or stopped?

Should large, dangerous dogs be subject to special licensing? Better still, should their owners be obliged to take a dog-training examination?

What does “migration” mean? Enumerate five animals that migrate – from where? To where? Why? How do they find their way? Which of the named animals hibernate, and why? Do they make any special preparations?

Which birds are noted for their voices? Is one especially famous?

How do you feel about blood sports? Are the shooting fraternity taking the place of the natural predators their predecessors wiped out, or are they consciously and deliberately cruel? Discuss.

In an era of animal extinction, how can one justify collecting rare animals for zoos? Dr. Heidiger, a famous animal psychologist, said that zoo has a lot to learn from the better side of circus practice, in that trained animals are not bored captives and the public entertained. Do you agree?

Can fishes feel pain? Does it surprise you that British anglers never kill a carp, let alone eat it? Compare with Czech anglers.

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