Empathy towards Animals: Pre/Post Survey Protocol and Instruments

Name of instrument	**Empathy towards Animals: Pre/Post Survey**
Use case and Target Audience	Suggest for use with camp programs or other long-term programs with tween/teen audience: Ages 10-14 years old.
Theme	Survey to determine tween/teen's attitudes towards animals and whether or not this shifts as a result of experiencing empathy-related programming.
Scheduled implementation	Pre/Post over a minimum of one week, with preferred length of time of at least six months **Pre**: conducted prior to or at the start of the first day of the program **Post**: conducted after or on the last day of the program
Evaluation questions addressed with assessment	Does program participation impact tween/teen's empathy towards animals?

Outcomes being measured	1. Tween/teen's attitudes toward animals
	   a. Tween/teen shows compassionate concern for animals
	   b. Tween/teen shows appreciation/respect for other animals
	2. Tween/teen can take perspective of animals (feels that he/she can do so)
	3. Tween/teen demonstrates self-efficacy in relation to his or her ability to demonstrate caring behavior towards animals

Materials needed	• Survey • Pencil/pen
Data analysis plan	• Calculate the mean average score for each item; compare mean average scores between pre and post audiences (ideally, paired sample, requiring tween/teens to write in their birthdate for identification).
Staffing requirements	• 1 staff member required to distribute the survey to participants at start and end of experience. (Could also be used as online survey with tween/teens registering for camp.)
Time needed for activity	• 5-7 minutes

Protocol of Assessment Implementation:

Distribute survey to participants and have them spend a few minutes filling it out. It should take about 5-7 minutes to complete. Tell tween/teens them to complete the survey as best they can. They can leave items blank if they don't understand an item.

First Day of Camp Survey

Today's date: _____.____

1. Please write down the month and day that you were born *(ex. June 10th)*. _____

2. How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements? There's no right or wrong answer; just circle the number that best describes how you feel when you read the sentence.

3. How do you feel about animals? (please check one)

☐ I love them   ☐ I like them   ☐ I don't like them

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I do not think animals have feelings like people.	1	2	3	4	5
I can imagine how I would feel if I were an animal having a problem in the wild, like not having enough food to eat or a place to sleep.	1	2	3	4	5
I try to understand how animals feel by imagining how things look from their perspective.	1	2	3	4	5
I try to treat any animal I meet the way I'd like to be treated.	1	2	3	4	5
I often worry about animals that are having problems in the wild.	1	2	3	4	5
I do not think I can do anything to help animals that are having problems.	1	2	3	4	5
I wish other people cared about animals as much as I do.	1	2	3	4	5
I talk to other people about how we should treat animals with respect.	1	2	3	4	5

Turn Over

I wish I knew what I could do to help animals in the wild that are having problems.	1	2	3	4	5
I think every animal, even things like snakes & spiders, deserves respect.	1	2	3	4	5
I do a lot of things to help animals in the wild that are having problems.	1	2	3	4	5

3. What is one kind of animal that you would like to help?

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4. What is one thing you could do to help that kind of animal?

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Thank You

Last Day of Camp Survey

Today's date: _____

1. Please write down the month and day that you were born *(ex. June 10th)*. _____

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