

Sites with Webcams

Animal Planet Horse Cam

<http://animal.discovery.com/cams/horse.html>

This Animal Planet Cam shows live video feeds of horses. The drawback of the site is that it does include advertisements on the pages as well as pop-under advertisements. If you use the site, be aware that these ads may appear.

Toledo Zoocams

<http://www.toledo.com/>

The Toledo Zoo offers live video from 8 AM to 5 PM (Eastern) Monday through Sunday. The zoo features a Polar Bear Cam, Stork Cam, and Hippo Cam. Archived video of a Koala is also available. Four 360-degree cameras are available at the site as well; however, they do not work well for this project since they never focus specifically on a particular animal. This site does include advertisements on the page that lists the various cameras.

Smithsonian/National Zoo

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/default.cfm>

The National Zoo includes live video webcams of numerous animals including pandas, flamingos, butterflies, reptiles, and amphibians. There are typically multiple camera views of the animals that you can choose among and related photo galleries of still images are also available.

Monterey Bay Aquarium Webcams

http://www.mbayaq.org/efc/cam_menu.asp

The Monterey Bay Aquarium offers a Penguin Cam, Kelp Cam, and Otter Cam as well as an Outer Bay and Monterey Bay Cam. The animal webcams focus on specific animals at the aquarium. The two bay cameras offer images of whatever is happening in the area at the time; thus, these cameras are less likely to work for this activity.

San Diego Zoo Pandacam

http://www.sandiegozoo.org/zoo/ex_panda_station.html

The San Diego Zoo Pandacam focuses on the daily events of the mother Hua Mei and her male baby panda. The camera is focused on the birthing room, so you see only these two animals. You will also find the baby in the room alone at times.

Central Park Zoo Penguin Cam

<http://www.earthcam.com/usa/newyork/cpzoo/>

This live webcam shows two species of penguins at the Central Park Zoo. The image is a little distant and fuzzy at times.

This Web page supports the ReadWriteThink Summer Activity "Taking a Virtual Field Trip" available online at http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/grades3_5/VirtualFieldTrip/.