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The Winton Foundation for the Welfare of Bears,
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Registered Charity No SC042614

The Hard Facts

There are eight species of bears throughout the world.

They are all under threat due to humans and their activities.

They are one of the most persecuted animals in the world.

Bears often live longer in captivity, but sadly this leads to greater and prolonged physical and mental suffering.

Our Vision Statement

A world where no bear will ever again be hurt, exploited or tortured for human gain, profit or entertainment. Where bears can live free from fear and peril inflicted by humankind and can be their majestic selves, living full and natural lives.

The Winton Foundation for the Welfare of Bears works through fund and awareness raising to assist with new and established projects around the world to help bears.

We are not tied to any one organisation but work in partnership with other groups, to allow us to be as effective as possible.

We are part of the global network working to help end the abuse and exploitation of bears throughout the world and to provide care for them following rescue from such atrocities as bear farming, bear baiting and dancing bears to name a few.

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The Winton Foundation
for the Welfare of Bears

Making it bearable

The Winton Foundation for the Welfare of Bears was launched on the memorable date of 10.10.10.

We work to raise awareness of the threats facing bears worldwide and raise funds to support projects helping them by assisting with ongoing care costs such as food, veterinary supplies and enrichment.

We've provided:

- Hammocks, log walls and toys for bears rescued from bear farms.
- A stereo so they can listen to relaxing music as they begin their recovery after rescue.
- Coconuts – a favourite treat. Some bears prefer to balance the coconuts on their heads while practising yoga rather than eat them!

We also help care for bears rescued from the brutal practices of bear baiting and bear dancing.

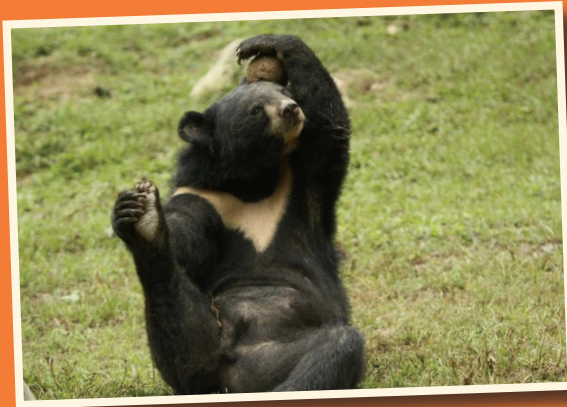


Photo courtesy of Animals Asia

We assist with caring for bears rescued from exploitation for human entertainment such as a demeaning life in a circus or those kept tethered and in cages as tourist attractions.

For these bears we have provided:

- enrichment
- medication
- food
- swim tubs



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Photo courtesy of Get Bear Smart Society

In America and Canada we support projects that:

- Educate and encourage people to live in harmony with bears. We help fund habitat enrichment programmes such as berry tree planting to ensure a rich supply of food in the wild to prevent bears wandering into towns looking for food.
- Work to rescue and rehabilitate cubs orphaned as a result of hunting and work to ensure their safe return to the wild.
- We also help with the ongoing care of orphaned bears who because of disability can't be returned to the wild.



Photo courtesy of IBBR

Our vital educational work has included:

- The funding of 2000 educational posters on panda conservation and habitat protection that will be seen by over a ¼ of a million children throughout China, encouraging the next generation to protect this precious bear.
- We work to raise awareness of the threats facing the polar bear and sun bear and the highly endangered spectacled bear.



Our unique **'Fostering Compassion'** project helping local foster and kinship care children who as a result of their own difficult starts in life have trouble showing compassion and empathy. We work to help reverse this negative cycle and help the children see animals as sentient beings while at the same time giving these vulnerable children days filled with fun activities relating to animals and nature.



In 2012 we launched **Bears Matter Month** which runs from Valentine's Day to Mother's Day each year and is a month of awareness and fundraising activities.

If you would like to hold your own event – please get in touch and help us continue our valuable work.

"I love the Winton Bear Foundation as it helps so many bear organisations. I could never afford to support them all, so I support WBF. It is my favourite bear charity - it's like a special offer - help more than one bear charity for just one donation." Julia Attwood, Winton Bear Foundation supporter.

Photo overleaf - 'Grace loving her Christmas Tree' courtesy of Woodlands Wildlife Refuge