



## Z.P.G.A. "Cubs Club" Newsletter

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A focus on Zebra



Welcome to the Z.P.G.A. Cubs Club

You should all be back at school now, your first term or semester 2021. Some of you will be at school whilst others will be at home doing school over the internet.

In Zimbabwe most of our classes are done over the internet at the moment.

**Ethics are everything!**

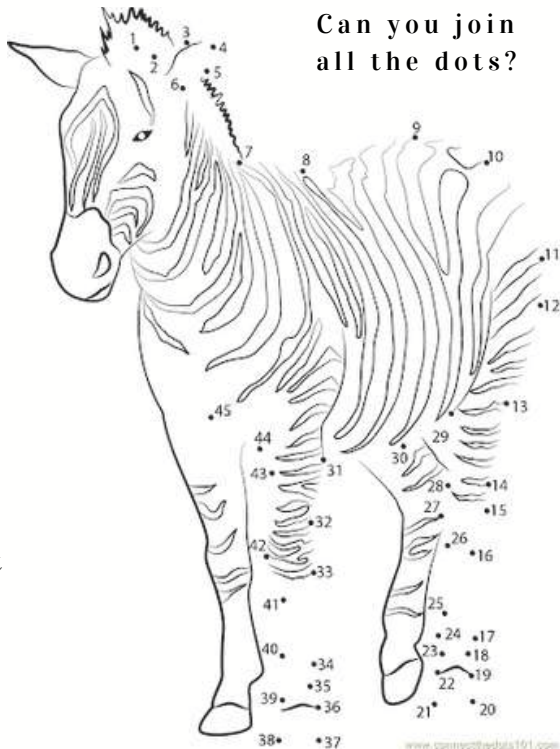


One of our youngest cubs members, Cassia Laing helped us remove a snare from a mommy warthog - THANK YOU!!



## What does a Zebra Eat?

These cool creatures are herbivores and spend most of their day eating grass and sometimes leaves, shrubs twigs and bark too. Their teeth are well adapted for grazing, with sharp incisors at the front of their mouth to bite the grass and large molars at the back for crushing and grinding.



Can you join all the dots?

# Ode To A Zebra

by: Robynne Meulemans

I'm a stunning display of black and white,  
Contrasting stripes to captivate sight.

My mane stands up straight and proud.  
Every visual detail about me is loud.

Black with white stripes is what they say.  
This matters not; I'm beautiful either way.

Never domesticated; no, not me.  
I'm a zebra and I need to roam free.

# How the Zebra got its stripes

This story about zebra stripes comes from the San people from the Namibian Kalahari Desert.

So, how did the Zebra get his black stripes, or is it white stripes? Well, let me tell you the fable.

Long ago, when animals were still new in Africa, the weather was very hot, and what little water there was remained in a few pools and pans.

One of these remaining water pools was guarded by a boisterous baboon, who claimed that he was the 'lord of the water' and forbade anyone from drinking at his pool. One fine day when a zebra and his son came down to have a drink of water, the baboon, who was sitting by his fire next to the waterhole, jumped up and barked in a loud voice. 'Go away, intruders! This is my pool and I am the lord of the water.

"The water is for everyone, not just for you, monkey-face,' The zebra's son shouted back.

[http://www.gateway-africa.com/stories/How\\_the\\_Zebra\\_Got\\_his\\_Stripes\\_San.html](http://www.gateway-africa.com/stories/How_the_Zebra_Got_his_Stripes_San.html)

'If you want some of the water, you must fight for it,' returned the baboon in a fine fury, and in a moment the two were locked in combat. Back and forth they went fighting, raising a huge cloud of dust, until with a mighty kick, the zebra sent the baboon flying high up among the rocks of the cliff behind them.

The baboon landed with a smack on his seat, taking all the hair clean off, and to this very day, he still carries the bare patch where he landed.

The tired and bruised young zebra, not looking where he was going, staggered back through the baboon's fire, which scorched him, leaving black burn stripes across his white fur.

The shock of being burned, sent the zebra galloping away to the savannah plains, where he has stayed ever since.

The baboon and his family, however, remain high up among the rocks where they bark defiance at all strangers, and when they walk around, they still hold up their tails to ease the sore rock-burn of their bald patched bottoms.

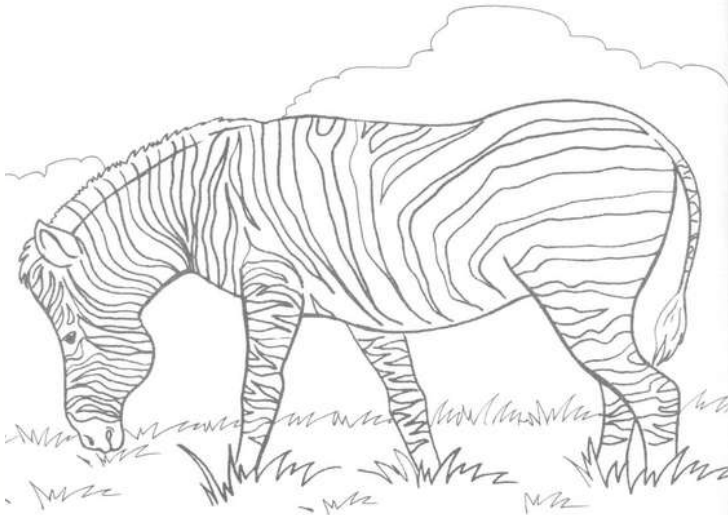




Burchell's zebra (*Equus quagga burchellii*) is a southern subspecies of the plains zebra.

It is named after the British explorer and naturalist William John Burchell.

Common names include the bontequagga, Damaraland zebra, and Zululand zebra (Gray, 1824). Burchell's zebra is the only subspecies of zebra which may be legally farmed for human consumption.



**Colour me in and send us your finished picture.**

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Can you name the two animals below?

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# Can you name Africa's big five?

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Which is your favourite and why?

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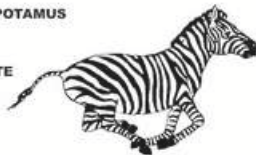
## African Savannah Animal Word Search

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There are so many different animals that live in Africa and people come from all over the world to see them.

Africa is such a big continent and you will find different animals in each country.

<b>BABOON</b>	<b>BONGO</b>	<b>CHEETAH</b>
<b>GAZELLE</b>	<b>GIRAFFE</b>	<b>HIPPOPOTAMUS</b>
<b>HYENA</b>	<b>JACKAL</b>	<b>LION</b>
<b>OSTRICH</b>	<b>RHINOCEROS</b>	<b>TERMITE</b>
<b>WEAVERBIRD</b>	<b>WILDEBEEST</b>	<b>ZEBRA</b>





What do you know about littering?

Littering is when you leave items lying around that are not supposed to be there, Usually carelessly thrown away and not put into a dustbin.

As conservationists we can do so much from home... Make sure you put your rubbish into a dustbin and make sure you tell your friends the same.

Let us look after our homes and the wildlife that live around our homes.