



Wildlife Wander

What is bio-logging?

- Bio-loggers are small devices attached to animals.
- They record information about the animal, such as heart rate or location.

Photo: A goat on a bench.

Animals Roam during Lockdown

People all over the world have spent more time at home recently. This has had an interesting effect on animals.

Goats were seen trotting around the Welsh town of Llandudno and in San Jose, USA too. They scampered along and even nibbled the plants in people's gardens!

Zach Roelands filmed the goats in San Jose and posted the video online. He wrote on social media, "This is the craziest thing to happen all quarantine".

In Japan, deer have been exploring the city of Nara looking for a bite to eat. Wild boar have been roaming the city streets of Barcelona, Spain.

In Thailand and in Florida, USA, they have seen a rise in leatherback turtle nests. In both places, they think this is because there have been fewer **tourists**.

Some scientists have decided that because the cities have been less busy, now is a good time to look at the **impact** we have on nature.

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logging Society wants to track as many animals as it can during this period.

They will use **gadgets** called 'bio-loggers' to help them do this. The bio-loggers can be attached to the animals and help scientists know where animals have been. They will then compare how animals behave now with other years.

They hope that the information they find out will help us to learn how we can better **coexist** with the animal world.

Glossary

tourists	People travelling or visiting a place for pleasure.
impact	The effect that something or someone has on another thing.
gadgets	Small mechanical or electronic devices or tools.
coexist	Exist at the same time or in the same place.

Questions

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Accept any sensible summary which includes the key information from the article in 20 words or fewer, e.g. Animals have been exploring cities during the lockdown and scientists are studying them.