

It's nighttime, and the moon is bright. I'm perched on a rock next to a prairie dog burrow, waiting. Suddenly, I jump into the burrow, and crunch, sink my teeth into the neck of an unsuspecting prairie dog. I kill it quickly, then drag it outside and back to my burrow...

Black-footed ferrets are not the only animals who are or once faced the threat of extinction – many other animals have been or are being threatened by habitat loss, or pollution, chemicals, and more. But...there's a good side, too! The Endangered Species Act is working to end extinction once and for all, and back to the black-footed ferrets – their numbers have increased from 18 to around 700 in just around 20 years!

But, there's also some trouble for other animals. For example, the Salt Creek tiger beetle's population has declined down to 150 beetles in the USA. We need to save them! We need to care! Why do we care just about ourselves? If they're small, who cares? They're just as important as the rest of us! We all matter – if we all live together on this planet, why can't we all live together on this planet peacefully?

If we've all got the same amount of importance, why can't we treat each other, and all animals and plants, and all life, that way?