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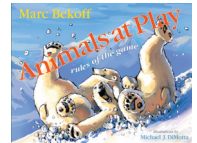
# THIS JUST IN

## [Q&A]



## ANIMAL FRIEND

Animal behaviorist, author of *The Emotional Lives of Animals*, and vegan Marc Bekoff recently published his second children's book, *Animals at Play*. Illustrated by Michael J. DiMotta, the nonfiction book is recommended for ages 9 to 12, and comes with an endorsement from Jane Goodall. —G.H.



**Q** What made you want to write *Animals at Play*?

**A** I saw the need for an accurate and descriptive book that would really get kids interested and help them develop their own questions and thoughts about animals.

**Q** What can kids learn from the book?

**A** At one of my readings, a 10-year-old girl made the connection that if animals feel joy, they must feel pain. She then asked about slaughterhouses. Kids are amazing at making all kinds of connections. I just want to foster that ability in a positive way.

**Q** Did your research into animal behavior help you decide to adopt a vegan diet?

**A** Definitely. Watching animals and doing noninvasive fieldwork makes one realize the depth of feelings and consciousness animals are capable of.

COURTESY MARC BEKOFF