

Have you ever stayed inside playing video games on a sunny day? Or maybe you've left a bedroom light on while you're watching TV in the living room? When we do these things, we are wasting electricity. But did you know that we are also (1) the survival of some animals?

Many animals are (2) by this wasteful behavior. Zookeepers from the San Diego Zoo, in California, traveled to New York City with an arctic fox, a Canadian lynx, a porcupine, a Madagascar spider tortoise and a star tortoise.

Zookeepers and scientists talked to journalists about the effects of global warming on these (3) . Their goal is to spread the word about (4) .

"Many animals are interconnected," said zookeeper Rick Schwartz. "Each animal (5) on another animal." The arctic fox, for example, eats leftover scraps from a polar bear's meal of seal meat. Since the polar bear population is (6) , the arctic fox isn't getting as much food.

The arctic fox, says Schwartz, may have to move farther south and (7) other animals' territory in order to survive. This is (8) animals that don't live in the Arctic, such as the porcupine or the tortoise, could also be affected by global warming.

How does watching TV affect animals? When (9) fuels, such as coal and oil, are burned to create electricity for you to watch TV, carbon dioxide is (10) into the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide already makes up a small part of our atmosphere.

This gas helps to create a blanket around the Earth that traps heat from the sun and keeps the planet warm. But over time, too much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere can make the Earth's temperature slowly begin to rise. That can melt ice.

Polar bears depend on sea ice for their survival. Seals, their main prey, breed on the ice. If we continue to pump carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases into the air, the polar bear's world will only become more watery.

Everyone can help to solve the problem of global warming. Even the smallest actions can help make a big difference for animals. "Do what comes naturally," says Megan Owen, the San Diego Zoo's conservation program specialist.