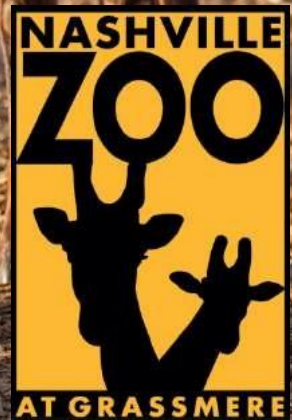


# Petting Animals at the Zoo

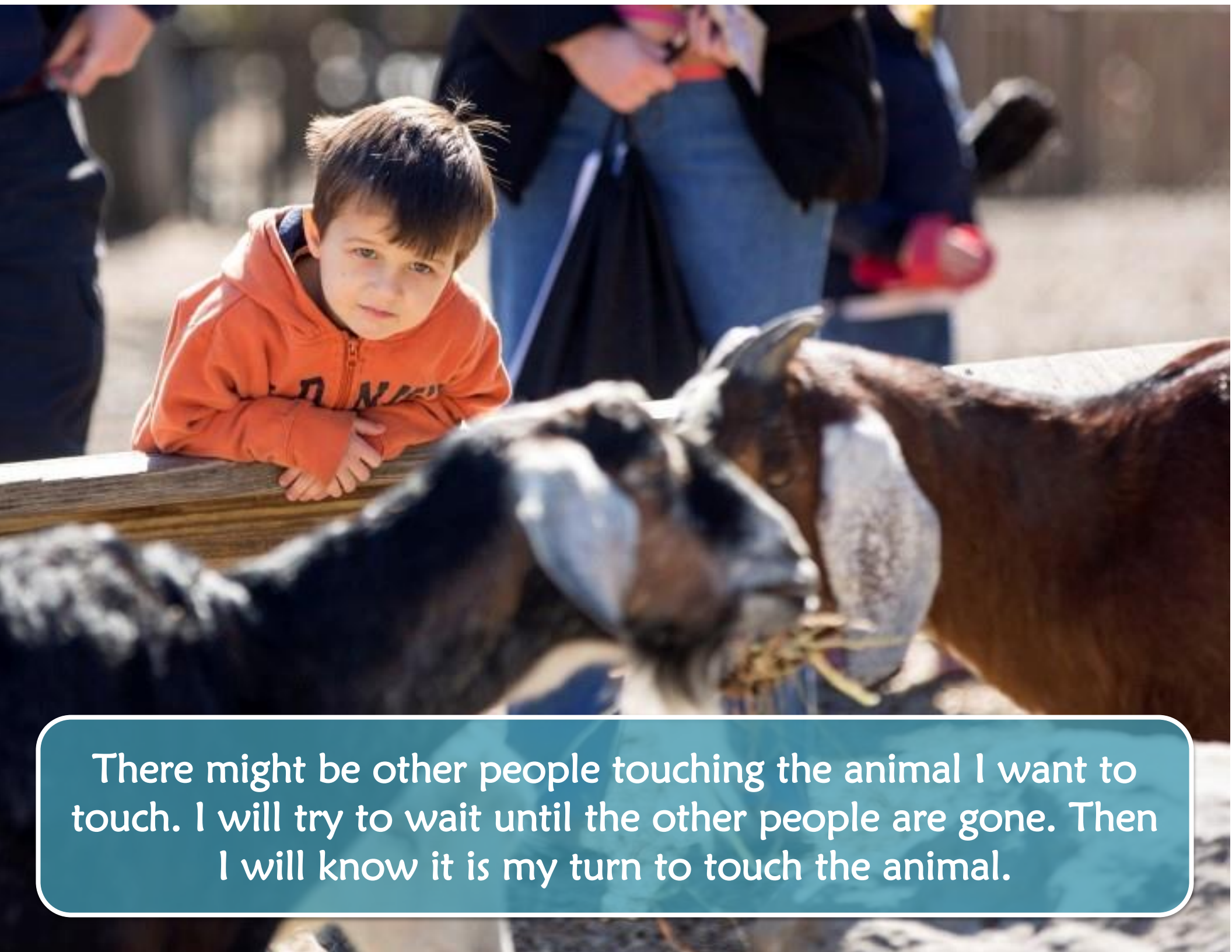




At the zoo, there are many animals to see. In some areas, I might be able to touch the animals. An adult will let me know if it is okay to touch the animals.







There might be other people touching the animal I want to touch. I will try to wait until the other people are gone. Then I will know it is my turn to touch the animal.





I can ask a zookeeper to show me how to touch the animal.





I might touch the animal on its back. When I pet the animal, I will try to be very gentle. Gently petting the animal will make it happy.





Sometimes loud noises or fast movements scare the animals. They might run away if they are scared. I will try to stay calm and quiet when I am around the animals so that they do not get scared.





After I touch an animal, I can wash my hands at the hand washing station.



At Critter Encounters, I might touch a goat or I might brush a goat on its back. I will try to only touch the goats that are outside of their pen. The goats might feel soft and furry.





At Shell Station, I might touch a tortoise or I might feed lettuce to a tortoise. The tortoises might feel hard and smooth.







At Kangaroo Kickabout, I might touch a kangaroo. I will try to only touch the kangaroos that are on the path. The kangaroos might feel soft and furry.



I might like touching animals at the zoo!





There are some animals at the zoo I can only look at and not touch. I can try to read about those animals on the signs near their habitats or tell my family about them.

