

1. Will animals inhabit the new earth?
2. If so, where will these animals come from?
Will some, or all, be ones that perished in this world?

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1. Isaiah 11:6-9?

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The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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- Isaiah 11:6-9
- Unnecessary. Unwanted distractions.
- The restored earth after the Great Flood is a picture of the new earth.

Will animals that perished in this world inhabit the new earth?

- Animal souls
- Cheated out of God's original plan / justice for suffering
- Heaven = happiness, happiness = "Fluffy"
- Romans 8:19-23

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For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

1. There is nothing in Scripture that would prohibit our cherished animal companions from inhabiting the eternal kingdom with us.
2. The possibility would not be inconsistent with either the nature or character of God.
3. There is nothing to indicate that a future kingdom with our pet animals would somehow diminish its glory or joy.
4. Regardless of how some arguments may seem compelling, we simply can't know for sure.