

## Wild Moments When Animals Eat Prey Alive

Say you were asked to describe the animal kingdom in one sentence, what would that be? Still thinking about it? Well, I know mine. It's a wild all-you-can-eat buffet with the strong preying on the weak. It's brutal, yes. But that's also natural, and it's pretty normal to see a lion kill a deer before it says grace. However, there are some truly off the chain moments when animals decide killing and saying grace is too much trouble, and just have dinner while it's very much alive.

Don't believe me? Ouch, that hurts, but I'll show you.

Here are some wild moments when animals eat their prey ALIVE.

- **Heron – [0:23 – 1:45](#)**

Birds are undoubtedly one of the cutest animals on the planet, and a good number of them live up to that reputation. Well, some stories only hold true when it hasn't been openly challenged. For this heron, that challenge was hunger, and it couldn't care less of public perception. While walking through a marsh, this heron found a turtle and decided that it would make a really good meal.

However, the heron goes ahead and does one of the most shocking things. It swallowed the turtle whole. It seemed to have discovered a really tasty way of eating turtles after that because it just went around the marsh, picking up turtles, and sending them straight down to its stomach.

Well, it's a turtle, right? And a really small one at that, so you might be inclined to assume that the heron thought it was an egg.

But surely, you can't mistake a chipmunk for an egg, can you?

The last thing this chipmunk expected as it happily went about its day was a death sentence. And the executioner was none other than the heron he stumbled across along the way. The chipmunk really struggled to see another day, but the last thing he experienced was an unpleasant trip down the heron's gullet. What a way to travel!

Heron's just love giving their food a live tour through their digestive system, and it doesn't matter if it's as big as this rabbit. This heron just gives it a quick dip and rinse in water, and gives the rabbit its last waterslide.

- **Wild Dogs – [0:38 – 2:10](#)**

It's often an unstated rule in the wild for predators to kill their prey before they jump into the feast. And every predator sticks to this rule in their own way. Lions will go for the throat, hyenas for the testicles or tail, jaguars for the brain. So, you know, whatever ticks the boxes for them.

A pack of wild dogs, however, will toss the rules out the window when they're really hungry, as is this case with this pack of 25 dogs at the Jones Dam in the Kruger National Park who tore into a waterbuck while she was still breathing.

Having let a previous waterbuck escape while trying to play things by the book, these dogs weren't about to let the second opportunity pass them by. So, they started taking chunks off the waterbuck in the middle of the struggle.

Sometimes, to survive, the hungry would have to go knock on the food's door, and that's what these pack of wild dogs did. This warthog was probably hoping for a friendly visit when it heard a knock on the mouth of its den. Imagine how fast she found herself in trouble when she saw an entire pack of hungry doors beckoning on her. She was in her safe place, and she'd have shut the door if she could. But the wild dogs weren't having any of that. In an unabashed display of violation of rights to privacy, they got into the warthog's home, pull her out, and make a meal of her while she's still screaming for help.

This Impala doesn't have it any better when it finds itself in a head-to-head with two wild dogs. Probably fearing that their numbers weren't sufficient enough for a proper kill, they proceeded to eat up the Impala while it was standing, tearing its stomach, and letting out its intestines in the process.

- **Lions – [2:16 – 3:00](#)**

You didn't think they were going to make this list too, right? Me too. The king of the jungle should know enough to play by the rules. Kill first, eat later! Obviously, hunger does a lot, even to the best.

The wild might seem properly equipped to cater for animals, whether they're predator or prey, but things can get really rough at times. This mama hippo and her baby were forced far away from their home in search of water because of a drought. But their case was a classic out of the pan and into the fire as they ended up dealing with lions who were hungrier than thirsty. The lions weren't even bothered about proper meal etiquette as they munched the hippos alive. If there was a true mama among those lions, they would have gotten a decent slap, at least for not trying to prepare their meal properly before eating.

In another truly wild moment, this lion decided it'd had enough with dignity that wasn't bringing anything to the table, and went in search of food. It found one, a warthog, but it had to sneak up to its door first. And trust me, it didn't ask nicely.

- **Hippos – [4:01 – 4:39](#)**

Yes, we've all seen a hippo being eaten alive, but that was because it had been beaten six ways to Sunday by a drought. Normally, a hippo is one of the fiercest animals on

land and water. Even lions know better. The croc in this video, obviously didn't get the memo until he found himself literally swimming through hippos.

A crocodile is a specter of fear in the water, but not that day. Not to all those hippos. They passed him around like a tasty treat until he disappeared entirely.

But hippos aren't just hostile to other animals. They're just as cruel to their old kind, and this male calf doesn't hesitate to show this baby hippo. Only in this case, the baby hippo was the student as well as the victim. It's really hard to watch.

- **Komodo Dragon – [5:32 – 6:30](#)**

Komodo Dragons must be probably used to being ignored wherever there's a conversation about predators. They're like lizards anyways, and most people are used to seeing cats or dogs doing the mauling and shedding the blood. Well, you couldn't be more wrong.

They might not spit fire like their fairytale kin, but they seem to have the same taste in cruelty. This goat probably thought gut was enough to survive in the wild, so it took the fight to the Komodo when he appeared. It was all going hard at the Komodo until it got one of its feet trapped in the its mouth. It was all done and dusted from then, as the Komodo proceeded to devour the goat alive.

The goat probably suffered a less gruesome fate than this warthog, who got eaten from the stomach. This Komodo had zero chills as it bit into this warthog while she could still see the light of day, spilling her guts everywhere. It's not a nice way for a meal to go, I'll tell you that. But these animals couldn't care less. There's indeed such a thing as predator power in the animal kingdom.