It is a doctrine that animals will not be in Heaven. I believe this is mainly caused by the following Scripture, citing verse 21 especially:

## Ecclesiastes 3:18-21 KJV

- (18) I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.
- (19) For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all *is* vanity.
- (20) All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.
- (21) Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

However, some people state that there will be horses in Heaven at the least since Jesus comes back on a white horse, and all the saints return on white horses as well:

### Revelation 19:11-15 KJV

- (11) And I saw heaven opened, and **behold a white horse**; and **he that sat upon** him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
- (12) His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
- (13) And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and <u>his name is called The</u> Word of God.
- (14) And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
- (15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

So said, is THAT ALL that the Scriptures have to say about animals being in Heaven?

I believe this ONE VERSE speaks to that very well:

#### Psalm 37:4 KJV

# (4) Delight thyself also in the LORD; and <u>he shall give thee the desires of</u> thine heart.

How many people have had pets that they loved and desire to be with again just as much as they desire to see their loved ones of mankind?

Furthermore, how many people love the animal kingdom and all the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the fish of the sea, and how many love butterflies, and other beautiful and harmless insects, and reptiles, and the like?

Then, ask yourself the question, "Did God create all the beautiful and awesome creatures on Earth and all the species of them just for HERE? Did He intend to taunt us with their beauty and wonder, and then, in Heaven, He denies us that wonder and awesome beauty and majesty of creation? I THINK NOT!!

In fact, I believe that God gives us the desire of our hearts to see ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT SPECIES THAT DON'T EXIST DOWN HERE WHEN WE GET TO HEAVEN, PLUS all that are down here WITH MANY MORE SPECIES OF THEM!!!

Jesse Duplantis spoke of the flora of Heaven and the colors within the realm of Heaven being SO MUCH MORE BEAUTIFUL AND BREATHTAKING than what we see down here...WHY WOULDN'T THAT BE SO ALSO FOR THE FAUNA?!!

I believe these things are basic here but will be GLORIOUS THERE!!!

I believe the desires of our hearts are to be captivated with a Heaven that is the quintessential of ALL that is within the realm of this natural world, and I believe that Wildlife in Heaven will have glorified bodies just like mankind will! I believe they will live eternally and will not be able to die anymore!

Why do I believe that? Here's why:

## 1Corinthians 15:53-55 KJV

- (53) For <u>this corruptible must put on incorruption</u>, and <u>this mortal must put</u> <u>on immortality</u>.
- (54) **So when** this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, **then shall be brought to pass the saying** that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory**.
- (55) O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

I don't believe that THESE verses speak ONLY of mankind, but rather of ALL CREATION!!!

Do you believe otherwise? FIND SCRIPTURE THAT SUPPORTS THAT THERE SHALL BE NO ANIMALS, BEASTS OF THE FIELD, BIRDS OF THE AIR, FISH OF THE SEA – ERGO, WILDLIFE – IN HEAVEN!!! I think you will come upon a vain venture to try to do so! NOTHING in Scripture supports THAT view!

The ONLY verse that states anything close to that is Ecclesiastes 3:21, which I quoted at the start of this message. Will you use THAT as sufficient backing to state that there will be NO WILDLIFE IN HEAVEN?

I don't agree that that verse of Scripture supports THAT at all!!!

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