

HERE'S A PICTURE TO MAKE YOU THINK



Yes, you've recognised the animal as a llama after reading about Django and Eric on the home page, although Jelly Roll, pictured here, looks very different in some respects. Let's not go down the avenue again of how you know it's a llama though, as there are other interesting things to think about. For example, who do you think is in charge in this picture? Or is anyone in charge? Jelly Roll is certainly much bigger and stronger than the little six year old, but it seems she has Jelly Roll on a lead and he appears quite happy for this to happen.

Questions you might like to explore could be:

- What makes 'human animals' different from 'animal animals'?
- Is it right that humans should train animals?
- What's the difference between training a seal to do tricks in a zoo and training a seal to save lives at sea?
- Do humans have the right to do what they like to animals? The planet?
- Is a human any more advanced than a worm?

I'm sure if you show this picture to children, they'll come up with some interesting questions too. Why not try it, then try and work out what's 'behind' their questions? Are they just information-seeking questions or are there some 'big ideas' or concepts that lie within them? Once you start thinking about this, you're beginning to scratch the surface of philosophical enquiry!