

Human and Animal Rights

Millions of animals across the world are harmed and exploited by human beings. Yet humans and animals share the same basic senses, desires and emotions. All animals – not just humans - deserve the right not to be tortured and murdered. This historic international campaign aims to extend these basic human rights to all sentient creatures.

Intensive Farming

Billions of intensively farmed chickens, pigs, and cows are kept in appalling conditions. For example, chickens are reared so intensively that many suffer chronic pain for their entire 6 week life, prompting a professor of animal welfare to describe it as: "The single most severe, systematic example of man's inhumanity to another sentient animal". Furthermore, meat and dairy foods can increase the risk of lethal diseases, and livestock are a major contributor to global warming. Animals are also intensively farmed and killed for fur and leather.

Animal Experiments

Animal experimentation can be incredibly cruel and is an unreliable guide to human biology. Sadly, many of the major cosmetic and household cleaning companies still conduct animal tests to develop their products. Millions more animals are poisoned, mutilated, given diseases and killed in experiments conducted by universities, pharmaceutical companies, governments and armies.

Cruel 'Sports' & Circuses

Imagine the terror of being chased by a pack of dogs, blasted from the sky, or ritually killed before a baying crowd. This is what animals face when humans decide that hunting, shooting and fighting animals is a fun pastime. Animals in circuses are frequently kept in cramped, unhealthy conditions, degraded and mistreated.

Please Defend Animals' Rights

By simply becoming vegetarian – or better still, vegan – you can save tens of thousands of animals over your lifetime. It's not as difficult as you may imagine, and there are millions of 'veggies' all over the world. It is also vital to boycott animal testing companies. Use your vote at elections to support parties and candidates who support animal rights.

December 10th is International Animal Rights Day

Every year on December 10th, thousands of compassionate people around the world hold events to commemorate the animal victims of human tyranny and promote animal rights.

To join the campaign, please sign the Declaration below and return to Uncaged or register your support at www.uncaged.co.uk/declarat.htm

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF ANIMAL RIGHTS

Inasmuch as there is ample evidence that many animal species are capable of feeling, we condemn totally the infliction of suffering upon our fellow creatures and the curtailment of their behavioural and other needs save where this is necessary for their own individual benefit.

I do not accept that a difference in species alone (any more than a difference in race) can justify wanton exploitation or oppression in the name of science or sport, or for use as food, for commercial profit or for other human gain.

I believe in the evolutionary and moral kinship of all animals and declare our belief that all sentient creatures have the rights to life, liberty and natural enjoyment.

I therefore call for the protection of these rights.

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