

Animals are not ours to use for entertainment.

Most animals in the entertainment industry are forced to spend almost all their time chained inside dark transport trucks or inside cramped enclosures.

Training animals in the circus almost always involves violence and bullying. The cruelty and deprivation of circus life often lead to abnormal behaviour, disease, and premature death.

Zoos are nothing more than animal prisons. Many animals exhibit abnormal behaviour caused by their close confinement and lack of stimulation, and children can learn nothing about their natural lives from seeing them in captivity. Zoos also don't contribute meaningfully to conservation: most animals in zoos can never be introduced back into the wild, or their species isn't threatened in nature in the first place.

Many wild animals such as deer, foxes, and birds are treated like living targets by hobby hunters, and hundreds of thousands of them are killed every year "just for fun". Others escape with bloody gunshot wounds, only to experience a prolonged and agonising death



Animals are not ours to abuse in any other way.

Millions of companion animals live in households all over Europe. Many of them suffer because of inappropriate living conditions.

Although hundreds of thousands of animals are taken to shelters or abandoned each year, the pet industry keeps "producing" new animals, mainly in mass-breeding facilities. There is no consideration given to the needs of individual animals in this industry: behind closed doors, they are either exploited as breeders or killed – frozen or sold as snake food if they don't sell as "pets".

Laws and regulations on breeding and selling animals are woefully inadequate. Furthermore, in most countries there are no legally binding or sufficient regulations that apply to private ownership of animals. Birds and other social animals are often kept isolated and alone, which can lead to serious behavioural disorders, but there is no law against this. Millions of animals live in a legal vacuum.

Take action

Animals need kind people to speak up for them by learning about the suffering they face in the experimentation, food, clothing, entertainment, and pet trades and then taking action. Each of us has the power to save animals, and it's easy to do! Create a better world for animals. Read more at the PETA US website PETA.org.

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Animal Rights

In the past, almost all of us have used products that were tested on animals and eaten hamburgers at fast-food restaurants. We've worn leather and wool. We've visited circuses and zoos and gone fishing. We've bought our beloved "pets" from pet shops and kept guinea pigs and exotic birds in cages. We weren't considering the impact of our behaviour on animals at all.

But times are changing, and people are finally beginning to ask, "Should animals have rights?"

PETA believes that animals are not ours to experiment on, eat, wear, use for entertainment, or abuse in any other way.



Animals are not ours to eat.

Every year, worldwide, several billion chickens, pigs, cows, and other land animals are killed for human consumption and several billion sea animals are caught or bred on fish farms.

More than 95% of meat, dairy foods, and eggs are produced on factory farms. The animals' living conditions are usually so filthy and so cramped that they can barely move. They can hardly express any natural behaviour. Piglets' tails are cut off, and calves' horn buds are gouged or burned out – mostly without any anaesthetics. Calves in the dairy industry are traumatically torn away from their frantic mothers. Turkeys and chickens live crammed together until, after only a few weeks, they are hung up by their legs and killed. Sensitive animals are so frustrated by their living conditions that they often start to harm each other.

More fish are killed for food each year than all other animals combined. Without any legal protection from cruelty, these complex animals are impaled, crushed, suffocated, or cut open and gutted, all while fully conscious.

Many fish on aquafarms suffer from parasitic infections, diseases, and debilitating injuries. Conditions on some farms are so horrendous that millions of fish die before farmers can even kill them. Those who survive are starved before being sent to slaughter.



Animals are not ours to wear.

Buying clothes, accessories, or furniture made from fur, leather, exotic skins, wool, or silk supports cruelty to animals.

Foxes, minks, and other animals imprisoned on fur farms are confined to tiny wire cages, which causes intense stress, often leading to cannibalism and self-mutilation. Before workers rip their fur out, these animals are gassed or killed by anal electrocution. Some are even skinned alive.

Most cows endure painful castration, branding, and dehorning in the leather industry. They are transported over thousands of kilometres to abattoirs where stunning often fails and animals end up being slaughtered, dismembered, and skinned while fully conscious. Other animals are killed for their skins, too, including crocodiles, lizards, and kangaroos.

In the wool industry, merino lambs endure painful mutilations, including tail-docking, "mulesing" (cutting large areas of flesh off their backsides), and castration without anaesthetics. Workers beat and kick sheep and goats during shearing and many animals end up with gaping wounds, which workers sew up with needle and thread.

Live geese are violently and repeatedly plucked for their down, and thousands of silkworms are boiled alive so that their cocoons can be spun into silk for a single dress or scarf.



Animals are not ours to experiment on.

Animals are mutilated and poisoned in cruel and archaic experiments.

Because of the physiological and anatomical differences between species, humans' reactions to medications or chemicals differ from those of other animals. Therefore, results from animal testing are not only inapplicable to humans in most cases but can even have fatal consequences if applied to them.

Yet millions of rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, and other animals are dosed with massive amounts of test substances every year that can cause vomiting, seizures, blindness, bleeding, or death. Other experiments involve addiction, maternal deprivation, surgeries of all kinds, and much more.

Frightened animals cower in sterile cages and often develop abnormal behaviour. Some are so desperate that they begin to self-mutilate. Usually their only contact with humans consists of being pulled out of their cages and immobilised in restraint devices so that painful experiments can be conducted on them.

