

How Do Animals Matter ?

A range of philosophical viewpoints - 1

Do you agree or disagree with the statements below? Use the scale from +3 to -3 according to how strongly you feel. Choose 0 if you are neutral about the issue.

We shouldn't worry about animals when there are people suffering in the world.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

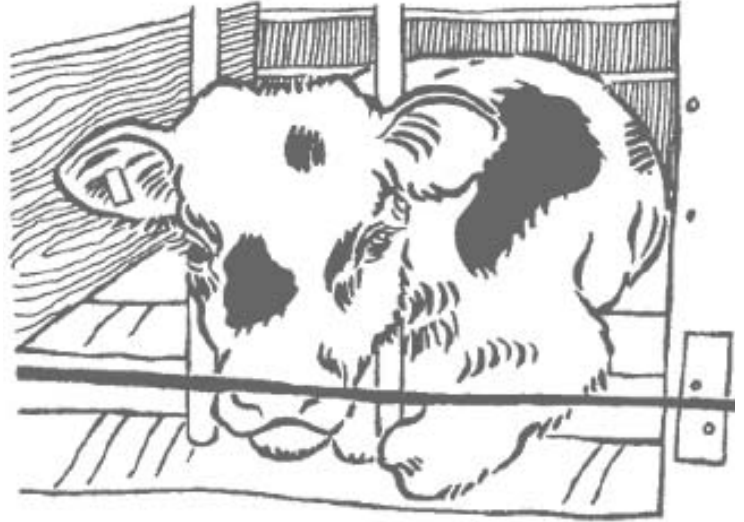
Totally disagree

We are animals ourselves. We can't expect rights for humans if we don't accept that animals should also have rights.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree



A calf shut in a veal crate

A world that is kinder to animals treats people better too.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Animals are not things, they are sentient beings. We must treat them with respect.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Only humans can have rights because we are the only species to respect the rights of others.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

It is wrong to discriminate on grounds of race, sex or creed. All people matter. In the same way, other species of animal are important too. All animals matter.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Hens may not like being in cages, but it doesn't matter. They're only animals.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

There is no reason to believe that a pig or chicken matters less to itself than I do to myself.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

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A range of philosophical viewpoints - 2

Do you agree or disagree with the statements below? Use the scale from +3 to -3 according to how strongly you feel. Choose 0 if you are neutral about the issue.

Pigs are as clever as dogs. We ought to treat them the same.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

I don't like sheep and cows as much as I like dogs and cats. They don't matter as much.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Animals are not as intelligent as we are and they don't share the same kinds of emotions. They are not as important as us.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Farm animals can be happy and suffer in just the same ways as our pets can. They deserve the same respect.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Any living thing, that can be happy or feel pain, matters as much as any other.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree



A mother sow shut in a farrowing crate

Animals can be more intelligent than newborn human infants. Babies should have rights; so should animals.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Farm animals are not pets. They are there to produce meat, milk and eggs. We should treat them as working animals.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

It doesn't matter if animals are less intelligent than us. What matters is whether they can suffer.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

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A range of philosophical viewpoints - 3

Do you agree or disagree with the statements below? Use the scale from +3 to -3 according to how strongly you feel. Choose 0 if you are neutral about the issue.

Animals should have a right to life, freedom and an absence of suffering.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

It's ok to kill an animal so you can eat it, but it's not ok to let it suffer.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

There's no point in keeping meat chickens in better conditions. They are going to die anyway.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Meat is murder.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Pigs, chickens, cows and fish wouldn't exist if we didn't eat them. We are doing them a favour by keeping them to produce food.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

We should do as we would be done by. If you wouldn't like it done to you, don't do it to an animal.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Some animals eat each other, so it's ok for us to eat animals.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree

If we expect animals to work for us, we should see that they have a good life.

+3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3

Totally agree

Totally disagree



Free-range pig