

# How Do Animals Matter?

## Opinions, religious and secular - 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.

People who don't eat meat are the friends of all creatures.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

People are superior to all other animals. We can use them as we like.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree



Humans evolved from other animals. This means that we are animals too. Other animals must matter in the same way as we do.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

People are more important than other animals, but animals matter too.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

To harm one creature is to harm all creatures.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Animals are God's creatures. We may use them, but never abuse them. We have no right to be cruel.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

The resources of the earth are not just for people, but to be shared with other creatures.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

We should care about all creatures, including animals and even insects, as we do about ourselves.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

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## Opinions, religious and secular - 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.

Animals were put on this earth  
for people to use.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

People were put on this earth to look  
after God's creation, including all  
living things.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree



We should practise non-violence.  
As far as possible, we should avoid  
hurting or killing any living creature.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

We should tread lightly on the earth,  
and try to live in harmony with  
nature and other creatures.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

We should not waste time helping  
animals. Our duty is towards our  
fellow human beings.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

God cares even about small birds  
like sparrows.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

At the start of the Old Testament,  
the Garden of Eden is described as a  
vegetarian paradise. This suggests it  
must be good to be a vegetarian.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

The Old Testament states that, after the  
flood, God gave people permission to eat  
meat (the Second Covenant). This means  
people should eat meat.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

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## Opinions, religious and secular - 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.

There is a reward in heaven for every act of kindness to an animal.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Animals don't have souls. We do not need to worry about them too much.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

If animals don't have immortal souls, then this life and its suffering matters even more to them. It is the only life they have got.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Other animals do have souls. They are no different from us in this respect.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

All animals praise the creator in their own way.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

The suffering you cause in this life, you will reap in the next.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

Some religions believe in reincarnation. You might be an animal in a future life. This means that if you kill an animal, you could be killing one of your ancestors.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

We could all be reincarnated as a cow or as a chicken in another life. We should treat them as we would want to be treated.

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

Totally agree

Totally disagree

