

Personality test

Assessing your score



1. Count how many times you have chosen an **a)** statement.
2. Count how many times you have chosen a **b)** statement.
3. Count how many times you have chosen a **c)** statement.
4. Count how many times you have chosen a **d)** statement.

Which did you choose most often? Or did you choose two or more of them much the same?

Did you notice that all the **a)** statements have something in common? The same is true for **b)**, **c)** and **d)** statements.

Below is one way of putting these statements into categories.

a) *Animal Rights position.* If we believe in human rights, we must also believe in animal rights. It is wrong to hurt or kill a healthy animal. Animals should be given freedom to live in a natural way.

If it is wrong to do something to a human, you shouldn't do it to an animal either. We are animals ourselves, after all.

b) *Animal Welfare position.* The important thing is that animals mustn't suffer. Like us, animals can be happy or unhappy. This is what matters most. Animal welfarists are not necessarily against killing animals or restricting their freedom, but it is wrong to hurt animals deliberately.

Animals should have good lives.

c) *Conservationist position.* We don't inherit the earth; we borrow it from our children.

If we want to use animals, we must protect their habitats. We must not kill so many that their numbers go down. We must develop the planet **sustainably**, and protect it for future generations of people and animals. We must preserve endangered species.

d) *"Humans Come First" position.* Humans are always more important than other animals.

Animals do matter and we shouldn't be cruel, but while people are suffering in the world we should concentrate on them. Sometimes it may be necessary for animals to suffer for the benefit of people.

There is no right or wrong answer. You will find people from all walks of life who believe in any of these. It is a matter of opinion.

You will also find people from each of these groups who support animal causes.

It is possible to believe in more than one of these. They are not necessarily alternatives. Most people care about humans, animals and the environment.