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ARE SENTIENT BEINGS

UK GOVERNMENT  
**TO BAN** LIVE EXPORTS

IS THIS  
THE DAWN OF  
**CAGE FREE FARMING?**

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## YOU'VE ACHIEVED HUGE PROGRESS FOR ANIMALS – THANK YOU!

There are so many **BIG WINS** for animals in this *Farm Animal Voice* that I've asked our magazine editor for more room to recognise your achievements!



Firstly, the UK Government has announced it will **ban live exports for slaughter and fattening**, and the Scottish Government has made the same pledge. **Could a Great British live exports ban be in sight?**

Meanwhile, congratulations to both local and global campaigners for achieving a precedent-setting **ban on all live exports from New Zealand**.

Back in the UK, your fight for legal recognition that animals can think and feel has led to the **Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill**, which will close an alarming gap in domestic law.

Plus, the UK Government has pledged to **revisit controls on foie gras imports, review animal welfare labelling on food, and consider reforms on the use of cages for hens and pigs**.

What's more, in the EU, influential scientists, major food companies, and MEPs from across the political spectrum have **lent their backing to your 1.4 million-signature European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)**.

When the End the Cage Age ECI was launched in 2018, we knew our cause was just, but **we hardly dared dream that, together, we could inspire such opposition to cages in Brussels**. The European Commission's response to the ECI is imminent, so stay tuned!

Of course, intensive farming also has terrible consequences for human health and the environment. So, this year, as a **United Nations Food Systems Champion**, I'll be taking your message to the heart of the UN Food Systems Summit: **Factory farming must end – for the sake of animals, people and the planet**.

**THANK YOU** for all you do to fight for humane, nature-positive farming. I hope you'll enjoy reading *Farm Animal Voice* – and **here's to your next BIG WIN for farm animals!**

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**BIG NEWS IN THE  
FIGHT TO END  
THE CAGE AGE**



## More big names make the Better Chicken Commitment

We're delighted to announce the latest wave of leading food companies who've signed up to the Better Chicken Commitment.

Burger King and Friday's in the UK, KFC in France, and Carrefour Poland have all pledged to move to rearing slower-growing chickens in better living conditions.

And Domino's Pizza has made the commitment across no less than six countries: France, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium and Luxembourg!



## FOOD PRODUCERS STEP UP FOR ANIMALS

The ninth annual Business Benchmark on Farm Animal Welfare (BBFAW) shows continued progress in corporate practices for animals.



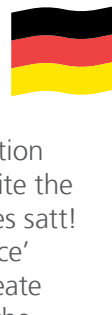
Jointly supported by Compassion and World Animal Protection, the Benchmark once again ranked the animal welfare policies and performance of 150 global food companies.

This year, 23 businesses moved up at least one tier, 80% now have improvement goals for farm animal welfare, and food producers and manufacturers were the highest scoring sector for the very first time.

Meanwhile, overall, UK businesses out-performed those in other areas. But momentum is building in the Latin American and Asia Pacific regions that include some of the biggest names in global meat production.

Find out more at [ciwf.org.uk/BBFAW-2020](https://ciwf.org.uk/BBFAW-2020)

## We've had enough!



At the start of a 'super election year' in Germany, and despite the pandemic, the 'Wir haben es satt! (We've had enough!) Alliance' united 10,000 people to create a sea of footprints outside the Federal Chancellery in Berlin.

The movement is calling for agricultural reforms – in Germany and beyond – to protect the wellbeing of society, animals and the environment. The protest, in front of the official 'seat' of Chancellor Angela Merkel, demanded that we must "start the agricultural turnaround."

## UTAH ENDS THE CAGE AGE!



In March, Utah became the eighth US state to ban the caging of egg-laying hens.

The legislation, which comes into force in 2025, also sets minimum welfare standards for alternative systems, and bans

the sale of eggs from caged hens – thereby protecting animals both in Utah and beyond.



## EU set to promote plant-rich diets

A new plan to fight cancer, published by the European Commission, includes a commitment to encourage a "shift to a more plant-based diet, with less red and processed meat and other foods linked to cancer risk."

The final plan was less ambitious than an earlier, leaked version, but it is a positive step towards the 'eat less and better' approach advocated by Compassion. The EU now needs to step up the promotion of plant-rich diets in upcoming laws and policies.

## EU ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY – FAILINGS IDENTIFIED

A European Commission assessment of the EU's animal welfare strategy says none of its objectives have been "fully achieved" and that legislative compliance remains "a key challenge."

The report singles out animal transport, the routine docking of pigs' tails, and some methods of slaughter as compliance "risk areas" and says that a forthcoming legislative review will pay "special attention" to them.

Olga Kikou, Head of Compassion in World Farming EU, said: *"It's astonishing that none of the EU's animal welfare goals have been fully met. Based on this evaluation, we expect the European Commission to increase its ambition level and overhaul EU animal welfare legislation."*

## Farm animals in Asia – funding the future



Compassion has launched a new programme designed to help build the grassroots movement for farm animal welfare in Japan, Indonesia and South Korea.

The programme offers grants to individuals and organisations already working within farm animal welfare advocacy, climate change or environmental protection, or looking to take their first steps into improving farm animal welfare in their region.

Find out more at [ciwf.org.uk/FundingTheFuture](http://ciwf.org.uk/FundingTheFuture)

## FISH SUFFERING EXPOSED

Alarming new research from CIWF Netherlands shows that the country's farmed fish are enduring high levels of stress, disease and mortality.

Despite there being five times more farmed fish in the Netherlands than cattle, goats and sheep combined, there is no species-specific legislation in place for fish.

CIWF Netherlands are calling for the introduction of annual farm inspections, a ban on slaughter without stunning, and welfare legislation for all farmed fish species.



For more news on your campaign to Rethink Fish, turn to page 21.

## A CHRISTIAN ETHICS FOR FARMED ANIMAL WELFARE

A three-year project, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, has developed a set of moral principles related to farmed animal welfare.

Christian Ethics of Farmed Animal Welfare (CEFAW) is being led by researchers at the University of Chester, and Compassion has played a key role in influencing the project's thinking.

Focusing on the 'flourishing' of animals, and evaluating the extent to which current farming systems achieve this goal, CEFAW has also published a policy framework to help guide the actions of churches and other Christian organisations. To find out more, visit the CEFAW website via [ciwf.org.uk/CEFAW](http://ciwf.org.uk/CEFAW)





## GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS IT WILL LEGISLATE FOR LIVE EXPORTS BAN



Marc Abraham @marcbramham  
"Legislation will also be brought forward to ensure the United Kingdom has, and promotes, the highest standards of animal welfare." Huge thanks to Her Majesty The Queen for highlighting government's intention to improve UK animal welfare. More details in next 24hrs. #QueensSpeech



# BAN LIVE EXPORTS — THE TIME IS NOW

The global movement against live exports is gaining momentum.  
Could 2021 be the beginning of the end for this cruel trade?

## UK LIVE EXPORTS: THE END OF THE ROAD?

On 11 May, in the Queen's Speech, the UK Government finally confirmed it will bring in legislation to ban the export of live animals for fattening and slaughter.

This monumental victory, which we expect to end live exports from or through England and Wales, is thanks to the determination and commitment of campaigners like you. And it follows a formal consultation, during which **a phenomenal 110,000 people added their names to our response. Thank you!**

An English and Welsh live exports ban would represent huge progress in our decades-long campaign, and it could spare thousands of animals every year from needless suffering. Now, the next steps in our battle plan are to **hold the UK Government to its commitment, and to secure an end to live exports from Scotland.**

Shamefully, in its own live export consultation, the last Scottish Government failed to propose a ban on the trade – prompting **28,000 emails** from Compassion

supporters to the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy, Fergus Ewing.

We're delighted to say that, following this campaign, **the Scottish National Party (SNP) made an election manifesto commitment to "ban live exports for slaughter and fattening".**

Such a ban would not only protect Scottish animals, but also prevent sheep or cattle being trucked from England or Wales into Scotland, and then subsequently exported. So, we're stepping up the pressure on the SNP to keep its promises, and **calling on the UK and Scottish Governments to work together to deliver a ban on live exports** from all of Britain.

Meanwhile, we must also address the fact that animals could still be exported from the UK to the Continent from or through Northern Ireland, which remains within EU trading rules. For the sake of animals across the UK, and the millions exported from Europe each year, **it is crucial that we not only secure a Great British live exports ban, but also that the EU follows suit.**

## TAKE ACTION!

**A huge thank you to everyone who has responded so generously to our recent Battle Plan appeal to ban live exports:**

- See our four-step plan to defeat this trade, or make a gift, at [ciwf.org.uk/battle-plan](https://ciwf.org.uk/battle-plan)
- Join the call for a Great British live exports ban at [ciwf.org.uk/GreatBritishBan](https://ciwf.org.uk/GreatBritishBan)
- And visit [ciwf.org.uk/EU-petition](https://ciwf.org.uk/EU-petition) to call for changes to legislation to end the EU live export trade.



## DISASTERS AT SEA

This year has already seen two stark reminders of why the European Commission must act to end the cruel and unnecessary live export trade.

For over three months, from mid-December 2020, **nearly 3,000 Spanish cattle were stranded in the Mediterranean Sea**, enduring horrific conditions on board the *Elbeik* and *Karim Allah* livestock ships.

The vessels were bound for Libya and Turkey but, due to fears that the bulls may be infected with bluetongue disease, the ships were denied entry at port after port. **What followed was an animal welfare disaster.** It was reported that hundreds of bulls died on board, and all those remaining were slaughtered on their eventual return to Spain in March.

Then, when the Suez Canal was blocked for a week by a 200-metre-long container ship, **approximately 200,000 animals were the helpless victims.**

With the *Ever Given* lodged across the canal from 23-29 March, numerous livestock vessels – many of which had set out from Spain

and Romania – were trapped. This extended the animals' already appalling journeys and put them at risk of shortages of food and water.

The good news is that an Inquiry is ongoing into EU live exports, and the European Commission is reviewing the law that permits this devastating trade. So, we are calling for:

- An immediate ban on live exports beyond the EU
- An 8 hour maximum journey time within the EU
- A ban on the transport of unweaned animals.

*"The suffering of animals in recent live exports incidents is truly horrific and completely unnecessary, we expect the EU's ongoing Committee of Inquiry into live exports to take these latest tragedies into account, and demand action from the European Commission to end this trade."*

Mandy Carter, Compassion's  
Global Head of Campaigns



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## INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY



On 14 June, this year's Ban Live Exports: International Awareness Day once again united compassionate people around the world.

With many countries still affected by COVID-19 restrictions, campaigners once again came together online, to tell politicians, policy makers and the industry that this cruel trade must end.

Discover highlights  
from the day at  
[stoplivetransport.org/2021](https://stoplivetransport.org/2021)



## NEW ZEALAND

## ALL LIVE EXPORTS TO END!

New Zealand is taking the unprecedented step of **banning all live exports by sea.**

The country has already stopped exports for slaughter, but still ships tens of thousands of cattle abroad each year for breeding. That trade will now end after a two-year transition period.

This huge victory for local and global campaigners follows a review process, to which Compassion responded. And Agriculture Minister, Damien O'Connor, identified **"a world where animal welfare is under increasing scrutiny"** as the reason New Zealand needed to "stay ahead of the curve."





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**Compassion supporters like you were instrumental in securing the EU animal sentience legislation in the 1990s. We have long been calling for UK legislation that recognises animals as thinking, feeling beings and for sentience to be given due regard when formulating and implementing policy. We are extremely pleased to see the UK Government moving in the right direction by promising this new law.**

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James West, CIWF UK's Senior Policy Manager



# FARM ANIMALS HAVE FEELINGS TOO

Since Brexit, UK animals have not been legally recognised as being able to feel joy, pain and fear. But now, thanks to you, the Government is delivering on its promise of sentience legislation.

**T**he UK Government announced in 2017 that it didn't intend to transfer the hard-won EU animal sentience regulation into national law. Shocked Compassion supporters took immediate action and, by the end of the year, **the campaign you led had forced a Government U-turn.**

Yet, the promised new legislation didn't materialise. So, in 2019, Compassion worked with a coalition of more than 40 animal welfare organisations **to secure over 100,000 signatures on a Parliamentary petition, asking Ministers to:**

- Impose a legal duty on Governments to pay all due regard to the welfare needs of animals as sentient beings.
- Recognise animal sentience when formulating and implementing policies.
- Ensure clear, consistent processes for all Ministers to deliver against their animal sentience duties.
- Create an Animal Welfare Commission to monitor Government performance against animal sentience law.

Thanks to campaigners like you, in March 2020, this petition was debated in Parliament, and Defra Minister, Victoria Prentis MP, said **"The Government will introduce the necessary legislation on animal sentience as soon as we can."**

**We still had to keep up the pressure for a further year. But, in the Queen's Speech on 11 May, the Government finally announced legislation to recognise animals as thinking, feeling beings.**

The Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act, which was introduced to Parliament two days later, will:

- Formally recognise animals are sentient beings in UK law.
- Establish an Animal Sentience Committee (ASC) to ensure that, across all Government departments, policy making and implementation considers animal sentience.
- Require Ministers to respond in Parliament to reports from the ASC, to ensure they remain politically accountable.

Legal status for animal sentience underpins everything Compassion is working for. To ensure all farm animals are treated with respect and kindness, it is vital the law recognises that their experiences and feelings matter, and holds politicians to account. This is a critical step towards our bigger vision of ending factory farming and replacing it with sustainable, compassionate alternatives, such as organic and free-range farming.

Of course, the new legislation isn't a 'done deal' until it has completed its progress through Parliament. So, we'll be lobbying hard to ensure the final law is robust in its protection of animals.

In the meantime, we'd like to say a **HUGE thank you to everyone who donated so generously to our urgent appeal** about this issue earlier this year. And, **thank you to everyone who asked their MP to support legal recognition of animal sentience.**

## TAKE ACTION!

**Visit [ciwf.org.uk/](https://ciwf.org.uk/) animal-feelings to make a donation or see the personal reflections of Joyce D'Silva, Compassion ambassador and former CEO, on why legal recognition of animal sentience is vital to protecting their welfare.**



**You didn't give up. You didn't give in. You made it clear to the UK Government that the ability of animals to think and feel is too important for the law to ignore.**

# CHAMPIONING ANIMAL WELFARE IN UK POLITICS

Throughout a busy few months in Westminster, your relentless campaigning has influenced important Bills and debates that could affect farm animals long into the future.

James West, CIWF UK's Senior Policy Manager, rounds up the latest news.

## YOU DID IT !

On 11 May, in the Queen's Speech, the UK Government committed to no less than three new Bills relating to animals.

Thanks, in no small part, to Compassion supporters:

- The Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill will **recognise, in UK law, that animals can think and feel**. Find out more on page 9.
- The Kept Animals Bill is set to help protect the wellbeing of sheep and young calves, by **"ending the export of live animals for fattening and slaughter."** Read more on page 6.
- And the Animals Abroad Bill will ban the advertising for sale of low animal welfare tourist experiences abroad.

In the Speech, and a new Action Plan for Animal Welfare, the Government also announced it will consider further steps to **limit the import and sale of foie gras, and review animal welfare labelling on food.**

This progress is a **testament to the dedication and compassion of campaigners like you**, who have driven animal welfare up the political agenda and kept up pressure on the UK Government to deliver on its promises.

## FAIR PAY FOR KINDER FARMING

Earlier this year, Parliament passed a landmark law, setting out how the UK will replace the financial support that farmers previously received through the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.

Instead of being based on the amount of land farmed, **subsidies under the new Agriculture Act will provide 'public money for public goods'**. These will include payments for taking steps to protect the environment and, thanks to pressure from people like you, promoting good animal welfare.

It will be a number of years before the new system is fully in place, but Compassion will be closely monitoring pilot schemes and campaigning **to ensure that only genuinely higher standards are eligible for animal welfare payments.**

## LATEST NEWS ON TRADE DEALS

On 29 April, the Trade Act was granted Royal Assent and became law. This legislation will govern how the UK negotiates new Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).

Unfortunately, despite strong House of Lords support for amendments to the Trade Bill, the Government blocked a blanket ban on imports that don't meet UK animal welfare standards.

**The good news is that, thanks to your tireless campaigning, no lowering of standards will be permitted in existing FTAs. And you also helped to secure some improvements in the scrutiny of trade agreements.**

In particular, where a relevant parliamentary committee intervenes, FTAs may now be debated in both Houses of Parliament. Plus, the Government has put the Trade and Agriculture Committee, which will scrutinise trade deals, on a statutory footing.

**However, in the absence of strong legal measures to protect animal welfare, the Secretary of State for International Development has now reportedly negotiated a trade deal with Australia that puts animals at risk.**

We understand that, under the FTA brokered by Liz Truss, following a transition period, there will be **no quotas or tariffs on food imports from Australia to the UK**, despite the fact that:

- Many Australian cows are fattened in cruel, barren feedlots.
- Confining hens in barren cages is still common in Australia, whilst these cages are banned in the UK.
- The misuse of antibiotics is rife on Australian farms – with use per animal up to 16 times higher than in the UK.

As a result, higher welfare UK farmers may be undermined by cheaper, factory farmed imports. This could be devastating for animals on both sides of the world – encouraging low-welfare practices in Australia and putting pressure on the UK to cut standards.

What's more, the Australian deal could pave the way for more tariff-free imports of intensively-farmed products when the UK strikes other trade deals, including with the USA.

## TAKE A STAND

**Please speak out against the UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement. Visit [ciwf.org.uk/Broken-Promise](https://ciwf.org.uk/Broken-Promise) to tell Liz Truss that the deal she's brokered is unacceptable, for animals, higher welfare farmers, and for the UK's reputation.**

## ENDING THE CAGE AGE FOR SOWS

Every year, **over half the UK's mother pigs endure weeks on end, trapped in farrowing crates.**

Kept in these appalling cages from just before they give birth until their piglets are taken away, these sows cannot even turn around.



In March, Compassion supported Sir David Amess MP to introduce a 10-Minute Rule Bill seeking to ban the use of farrowing crates in England. If such a Bill became law, it could pave the way for similar steps in other parts of the UK and ultimately **transform the lives of over 200,000 animals every year.**

A huge thank you to **over 32,000 people** who asked their MP to back the Pig Husbandry (Farrowing) Bill. **You were joined by Compassion's wonderful Patron, Joanna Lumley**, who seized opportunities in *The London Economic* and *The Times* to raise awareness of the cruelty of these cages.

Meanwhile, in Parliament, **Sir David drew attention to Boris Johnson's past commitments on this issue:**

*"The Prime Minister himself stated, in this chamber... 'there are measures we will be able to implement as a result of Brexit – such as banning sow farrowing crates.'... This Bill is a significant step in delivering on that promise."*

Unfortunately Sir David's Bill hasn't yet been adopted by Ministers, which is vital for it to have a realistic prospect of becoming law. However, a Government source told *The Times* it would "act this year" to end the use of these cages – and their new Action Plan for Animal Welfare confirmed they are "considering the case" for introducing reforms on the use of farrowing crates and also cages for laying hens.

**Watch this space for further actions you can take as we keep up the fight to End the Cage Age for the UK's pigs.**

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*Whilst imprisoned in farrowing crates these sensitive, intelligent animals... can't walk, let alone build nests for their piglets or forage for food. Instead, they bite and chew the bars and scrape at the floor in frustration... Hour after hour, day after day, week after week, the misery continues. This is completely wrong and yet, astonishingly, it is still legal.*

**Joanna Lumley, Actor and Compassion Patron**





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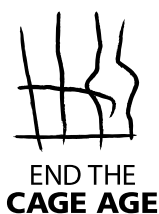


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**The EU needs to take action  
on behalf of the millions  
of hens and other animals  
treated in this cruel manner.**

”

Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE,  
Founder – the Jane Goodall Institute  
& UN Messenger of Peace





# ENDING THE CAGE AGE: A BIG DAY IN PARLIAMENT

In April, your historic, 1.4 million-signature European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) had its public hearing in the European Parliament – and received phenomenal support.

**A**cross the EU, every year, **hundreds of millions of hens, sows, rabbits, geese, ducks, quail and calves are imprisoned in cages.** These inhumane systems are a desolate reflection on society – but, thanks to you, many Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and European Commissioners have now expressed support for ending their use.

In October last year, we submitted the record-breaking, 1.4 million-signature, End the Cage Age ECI to the European Commission. This triggered a formal process that led, on 15 April, **to a public hearing in the European Parliament.**

In the run-up to the event, the campaign to ban caged farming received international support from over **140 influential scientists**, who identified the use of cages as “inconsistent with the Treaty recognition of animals as sentient beings.”

Just weeks later, **10 major food companies**, including Nestlé, Unilever and the Jamie Oliver Group, also wrote to the European Commission. They gave the End the Cage Age Initiative their backing, and called for cages to be phased out, starting with egg-laying hens.

All the companies that supported the ECI are listed on [ciwf.eu/ECI-letter](https://ciwf.eu/ECI-letter).

Compassion worked tirelessly to secure the support of these prominent scientists, businesses, and other key stakeholders. And **CIWF EU relentlessly engaged with European Commissioners and MEPs** who were due to participate in the hearing in parliament.

Then, in April, Compassion supporters across Europe took action, with over 35,000 tweets, and emails from 38,750 citizens, calling on MEPs to back the ECI.

**What followed, at the hearing itself, exceeded even our hopes.**

Compassion's Léopoldine Charbonneaux and Olga Kikou were amongst those who made the undeniable, powerful case for banning caged farming. Then, **MEP after MEP came forward to support the phasing out of cages.** In some cases, they even proudly displayed End the Cage Age posters as they spoke.

Meanwhile, several speakers who were expected to oppose the ECI called only for financial support for farmers to eliminate cages, and protection from lower welfare imports. And the European Commissioner for Agriculture, Janusz Wojciechowski, **announced the Commission's “full support” to implement this “transformation” of European farming.**



A few MEPs did speak out against banning cages, and this hearing is neither the end of our campaign nor of such cruelty in Europe.

At the time of writing, the Commission still hasn't given its formal response to the ECI. Then, should it side with its citizens and start the legislative process, any proposal would require approval from the European Parliament and EU ministers.

Plus, even if a legislation is announced, we expect intensive farming groups to lobby to delay – or perhaps even attempt to block – a ban on cages.

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However, before the ECI was launched two years ago, few could have imagined that ending these brutal, outdated farming systems could receive such **vocal, widespread, passionate support** in the European Parliament.

Thanks to you, the need to ban caged farming has been heard loud and clear, and accepted by many politicians across the EU. Now, we need Europe's policy makers to turn their words into actions and help End the Cage Age, for once and for all.

We've reached a huge milestone in the campaign to End the Cage Age – but the fight is far from over. Please **sign-up at [ciwf.org.uk](https://ciwf.org.uk)** for email updates on all the latest news and actions you can take for farm animals.

## LATEST STEPS TO END THE CAGE AGE

### OCTOBER 2020

- 1.4 million validated ECI signatures submitted to the European Commission
- The Institute for European Environmental Policy says going cage free could be a 'win win' for animals and the environment
- We meet with 16 top-level Commission officials to present the case for banning cages



### NOVEMBER

- 13 MEPs send the Commission a video message demanding legislation to End the Cage Age
- An EU Parliament report finds that ending caged farming is both sustainable and feasible

### FEBRUARY 2021

- The EU's Committee of the Regions reiterates its calls for "an end to cage rearing"
- 140 influential scientists, including CIWF Patron, Jane Goodall PhD, DBE, publicly back the ECI

### MARCH

- 10 leading food companies call for a phase out of caged farming, starting with hens
- The 40,000-strong International Veterinary Students' Association calls for a transition to cage-free farming



### APRIL

- Tens of thousands of EU citizens lobby MEPs to support a ban on caged farming
- The End the Cage Age ECI receives overwhelming support at the European Parliament hearing
- 101 MEPs from across the political spectrum write to the Commission, calling for a phase out of cages



### MAY

- The European Parliament's Agriculture Committee votes to call for legislation to phase out caged farming by 2027

### JUNE

- The European Parliament is due to vote in early June on the Agriculture Committee's Resolution against cages
- The European Commission's formal response to your End the Cage Age ECI is expected by the end of June... **watch this space!**



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# 2021: A YEAR FOR GLOBAL ACTION...



...FOR THE SAKE OF  
ANIMALS LIKE **WENDY**

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## When world leaders meet later this year, ending factory farming must be on their agenda – for the sake of animals, people and our planet.

**W**endy is a tiny, vulnerable, one-day-old chick. But she is also a cog in a vast, ruthless industrial machine. She will endure her short life in a crowded shed, before being slaughtered at as little as 40 days old.\*

What's more, the hungry, intensive farming machine doesn't just have a terrible impact on animals like Wendy. It also damages our wellbeing and the environment on which we depend.

In the coming months, a series of United Nations summits and conventions will shape a post-COVID roadmap, designed to save our planet, our health and biodiversity.

**Any meaningful solutions must include ending factory farming.** But, without the efforts of visionary people like you, our leaders may not deliver a sustainable, fairer, kinder food system.

### THE CHALLENGE

You know that **factory farming prioritises profit over compassion.** It crowds, cages and breeds animals for fast growth or high yields. It treats them not as sensitive, intelligent beings, but as units of production.

In addition, around one third of the world's croplands grow animal

feed, whilst **an estimated 690 million people suffer from under-nutrition.** And intensive farming pollutes the air, damages soils, and threatens wildlife. Plus, **livestock production generates 14.5% of all greenhouse gas emissions.**

Yet, despite all this, world leaders have repeatedly ignored factory farming's role in damaging our planet. Indeed, at last December's Climate Ambition Summit, co-hosted by the United Nations, UK and France, **not a single speaker addressed the impacts of intensive farming.**

We are therefore very grateful for every generous response to our recent appeal about turning the global tide against intensive farming. **Our work, together, to persuade those in power to fix our broken food system is well underway.**

### PHILIP LYMBERY: FOOD SYSTEMS CHAMPION

Earlier this year, **Compassion's Global CEO, Philip Lymbery, was appointed as a UN Food Systems Champion** for the 2021 Food Systems Summit.

Due to be held in September, this summit aims to launch bold, new actions to transform the way the world produces and consumes food.



### THE SOLUTIONS

- **HUMANE FARMING:** All countries should adopt legal protection for farm animals. This could be based on the Farm Animal Welfare Council's internationally-recognised 'Five Freedoms', including freedom from pain and fear, and freedom to express normal behaviours.
- **GOOD HEALTH:** Growing evidence shows that overconsumption of animal products contributes to global health challenges, including some cancers. The EAT-Lancet 'Planetary Health Plate' proposes a diet consisting of 50% vegetables and fruits, alongside whole grains, plant proteins and oils, and optional, modest amounts of animal protein.
- **GLOBAL FAIRNESS:** Policies to support small-scale farmers in developing countries and raise incomes in poor communities should be accompanied by taxes to address the external health and environmental costs of intensive farming and subsidies to make healthy food more affordable.
- **PROTECTING THE PLANET:** Reducing global livestock production, and supporting low-input, regenerative farming could not only benefit human health and equity, but reduce pressure on soils, cut damaging pollution, support biodiversity and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

### A PACKED CALENDAR

- **September 2021:** UN Food Systems Summit – New York, USA
- **October 2021:** UN Convention on Biological Diversity – Kunming, China
- **November 2021:** UN Convention on Climate Change – Glasgow, UK
- **December 2021:** Nutrition for Growth Summit – Tokyo, Japan

\* Photo illustrative of the early life of a chicken reared for meat

The Food Systems Summit will also address such diverse issues as providing safe, nutritious food for all and tackling the environmental impact of the food industry.

In his role as a Food Systems Champion, Philip will help guide summit discussions, propose solutions to food system issues, and organise and participate in national and international dialogues leading up to the event.

He will represent animal welfare organisations in Europe and beyond, and **seize every opportunity to show global policymakers the clear case for ending factory farming.**

## LEADING THE CONVERSATION

Last December, we grasped the agenda ahead of the 2021 UN summits **with a high-profile online event, promoting healthier diets and nature-positive, higher welfare farming.**

'How to Love Food and Save Nature' was a collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the influential EAT forum. It featured James Lomax, Food Systems and Agriculture Adviser at UNEP and Fabrice DeClerck, Director of Science at EAT.

Representatives of Compass Group North America and IKEA discussed how food businesses can act to benefit both people and the planet, and inspirational higher welfare US farmer, Will Harris of White Oaks Pasture, shared his hopes for the future.

The event also introduced the **radical new Regenerative Organic certification scheme**, developed with input from CIWF USA. The scheme has three pillars: animal welfare, social fairness and soil health – promoting agriculture that is good for animals, people and planet.

Closing the event, James Lomax identified the importance of such discussions between NGOs, scientists, the food industry and citizens: *"From difficult conversations, comes consensus. I would ask all of you to engage with the Food Systems Summit somehow... **We all have to strive to try to make that change in our food system.**"*

## A UNITED NATIONS PARTNERSHIP

In February, long-term work behind-the-scenes bore further fruit, with the **launch of Food System Impacts on Biodiversity Loss.**

This important Chatham House report was released in partnership with Compassion and UNEP. It highlights how the global food system is the primary driver of biodiversity loss – threatening 24,000 species at risk of extinction. It calls for reform, focusing on:

- More plant-based diets, to reduce pressure on the environment and land and improve human health.
- Protecting and restoring native ecosystems and setting aside more land for nature.
- Replacing monocultures with more diverse farming and supporting biodiversity.

**Over 25,000 people attended the online launch of the report**, which featured speakers from Compassion, UNEP and Chatham House, plus Compassion Patron, Jane Goodall PhD, DBE, Founder - the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace.

The report has since secured huge global media coverage – reaching audiences from the UK to Colombia, Nigeria to China with the message that **plant-rich diets and ending factory farming are vital for preserving and restoring biodiversity.**

## TAKE ACTION!

**Join us online and explore the solutions to our broken food system during this pivotal year.**

**Watch the highlights of How to Love Food and Save Nature, at [ciwf.org.uk/Love-Food](https://ciwf.org.uk/Love-Food)**

**Read the ground-breaking Chatham House report, 'Food System Impacts on Biodiversity Loss' at [ciwf.org.uk/Chatham-House](https://ciwf.org.uk/Chatham-House)**



**See the launch of 'Food System Impacts on Biodiversity Loss', attended by 25,000 people, at [ciwf.org.uk/Report-Launch](https://ciwf.org.uk/Report-Launch)**

**Find Compassion's blueprint for a better food system, the Vision for Fair Food and Farming, at [ciwf.org.uk/The-Vision](https://ciwf.org.uk/The-Vision)**





# PROTECTING ANIMALS... AND HUMANS

Thanks to you, pressure is mounting to end the overuse of antibiotics on factory farms – for the sake of both animals and people.

**A**ntibiotics are often used routinely on intensive farms, to prevent diseases in animals who are stressed, overcrowded or bred to grow unnaturally fast. This is a cruel misuse of vital medicines, and it is also contributing to the emergence of drug-resistant bacteria.

From 2022, thanks to campaigners like you, the routine preventative use of antibiotics will be banned in the EU. But other countries have yet to follow suit – which makes two recent reports from the Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics (ASOA) both timely and important.

## IMPORTING HIGH DRUG USE?

Historically, the majority of the UK's meat and dairy imports have come from Europe. However, following Brexit, the UK Government is pursuing trade deals with other countries that have much higher levels of antibiotic use in farming.

In *Farm Antibiotics and Trade Deals – Could UK Standards be Undermined?* the ASOA reveals that, on average, farm antibiotic use in both the US and Canada is about **five times higher than in the UK**. And for US cattle, who are often fattened in barren feedlots, the figure is about seven times the UK average.

Meanwhile, **antibiotic use in Australian poultry is over 16 times that in the UK**, and for pigs it is three times higher.

Plus, all three of these countries still allow the use of some antibiotics as growth promoters – raising significant concerns for animal welfare.

In recent years, as the issue of antibiotic resistance has risen up the national agenda, British farmers have taken steps to cut their use of these drugs. Globally, around 66% of antibiotic use is in farming, whilst in the UK it is approximately 30%.

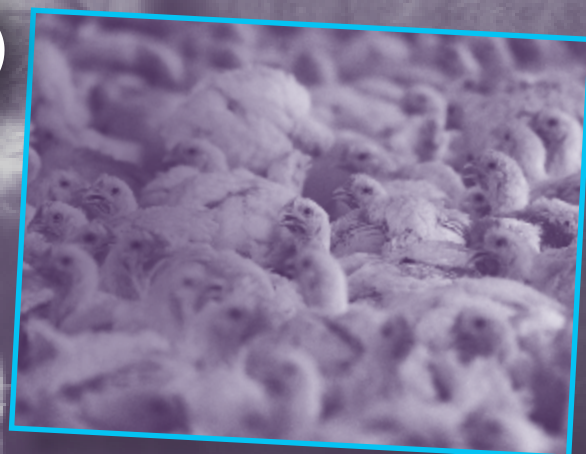
However, the UK has no legislation in place to prevent the routine, preventative use of antibiotics on farms. So, **competition from cheaper imports raised in lower welfare, high-antibiotic systems could discourage British farmers from keeping down their use of medication...** just as another ASOA report shows that further cuts in antibiotic use are possible.

## GOING ORGANIC COULD SAVE ANTIBIOTICS

Released in April, *Antibiotic Use in Organic Farming: Lowering Use through Good Husbandry* features a survey of livestock farms certified by the Soil Association.

The research looked at drug use per standard 'livestock unit' for fair comparison, and found that, overall, **these organic farms use a quarter of the average UK level of antibiotics.**

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The survey also showed that Soil Association pig farms used just 1.3% of the UK average amount of antibiotics. This was based on a small sample – but reflects earlier Danish research showing antibiotic use on organic pig farms to be a tenth of that on non-organic farms.

Of course, Soil Association accreditation requires farmers to follow a number of higher animal welfare practices, and **the farmers in the UK survey saw a close link between these welfare standards and low use of antibiotics.**

*“When we asked Soil Association farmers about how they minimised their antibiotic use they told us that husbandry was key,”* explains Ed Bailey of George Farm Vets who carried out the survey. *“Among a range of factors, frequent responses were that it was important to have good hygiene, to keep animals outdoors as much as possible, to provide a low-stress environment and, in pig farming, to avoid early weaning.”*

There were significant variations in antibiotic use amongst the Soil Association farms, but this study provides clear evidence that – for both organic and non-organic farms – **higher welfare practices could help ensure vital medicines remain effective, thereby protecting animal and human health.**



## TAKE ACTION

**Compassion is a founding member of the ASOA, and your support is helping to put pressure on the UK Government to ban the antibiotic misuse that props up factory farms – as well as showing politicians and farmers that there is a better way.**

**Visit [saveourantibiotics.org](https://saveourantibiotics.org) to find out more about the Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics or read their new reports in full.**







# A WAVE OF CHANGE FOR FISH

In the UK and across Europe, you're keeping the welfare of these vulnerable animals on the political agenda.

## SCOTTISH SALMON SCANDAL

In March, **you helped expose endemic cruelty within the Scottish salmon farming industry.**

The shocking footage from our ground-breaking investigation triggered shockwaves worldwide. It prompted widespread media coverage, and action from campaigners around the globe.

Our investigation, into farms owned by all five of Scotland's largest salmon producers, revealed fish with sea lice eating away at their skin, seaweed growing from open wounds, salmon swimming in dirty, deoxygenated water and dead fish floating among the living in overcrowded, barren cages.



As a result, **more than 120,000 compassionate people have so far signed our open letter**, urging the Scottish Government to issue a moratorium on the runaway growth of these underwater factory farms.

Scotland is already the world's third largest salmon exporter and, with the industry set for massive expansion by 2030, this huge public support is crucial.

## PROGRESS IN EUROPE

In May, the European Commission published **new Strategic Guidelines on Sustainable Aquaculture which, for the first time, address fish welfare.**

Following intensive work behind-the-scenes by Compassion, the Commission has called for codes of practice for fish farming, transport and slaughter, the development of species-specific welfare indicators, and more research on the welfare of farmed fish.

Around 70 different species of fish are farmed in Europe, and these guidelines will steer policy and the use of subsidies in the EU until 2030. They will also be a reference point for global initiatives on sustainable aquaculture, and could play a vital role in improving the wellbeing of animals around the world.

Plus, thanks to campaigners like you, the European Parliament's Fisheries Committee is set to conduct a study on fish welfare. **This could represent an important step towards much-needed legislation**, including revisions of the General Farm Animal Directive 98/58 to specifically recognise the health and welfare needs of fish.

## FISHY BUSINESS

Meanwhile, our Food Business team is working with top UK supermarkets, including Tesco and Morrisons, alongside producers and food service groups, on their fish welfare policies.

We've developed a bank of infographics and guides for businesses, and recently hosted three well-attended webinars on topics ranging from environmental enrichment to humane slaughter.

Plus, on page 22, see the latest progress in your campaign to improve welfare in fish certification schemes.

With your support, our sights are firmly set on **major corporate change for fish.**



## TAKE ACTION!

**Deformed, diseased, eaten-alive by parasites: Salmon are sensitive, intelligent creatures, and they deserve better.**

**If you haven't done so, please urge the Scottish Government to halt the expansion of the salmon farming industry and prevent millions more animals from suffering.**

**Visit [ciwf.org.uk/Salmon-Deserve-Better](https://ciwf.org.uk/Salmon-Deserve-Better) today.**



# CAMPAIGNING FOR CLEAR LABELLING

When it comes to animal welfare, meat and dairy packaging can be unclear or even misleading. Here are the latest updates on your fight for better food labelling.

## BILLIONS OF FISH SET TO BENEFIT

A **huge thank you** to everyone who has backed our campaign to improve animal welfare in the five largest fish certification schemes.

Despite doing some good work for sustainability, these schemes include little or no protection for welfare standards, meaning many certified fish may endure miserable lives in overcrowded tanks and cages, or prolonged, painful deaths.

**Campaigners worldwide have now sent over 425,000 emails to the certification bodies**, demanding that they introduce or improve their fish welfare requirements. And Compassion, as part of the Aquatic Animal Alliance, has stepped up the direct pressure too.

**Global GAP**, a private sector body that sets voluntary standards for certifying agricultural products, has since proposed incorporating humane slaughter and environmental enrichment into their standards.

Meanwhile, **Friend of the Sea** has drafted 25 species-specific welfare standards, and **Best Aquaculture Practices** have plans to include requirements for humane slaughter.

If these certification schemes make these requirements mandatory, **over 4 billion fish are set to benefit. An astonishing achievement – thanks to you!**

## URGENT ACTION IN ITALY

CIWF Italia is currently tackling a **major threat to clear labelling** of animal products.

The Italian Agriculture and Health Ministries are working together on a national certification scheme which could legitimise – and perhaps subsidise – very low standards of animal welfare. It is even possible that **the certification could be applied to pork produced by keeping sows in cages!**

Our team in Italy is campaigning against this plan and, together with one of the country's most influential environmental NGOs, Legambiente, has **presented two alternative proposals** for labelling according to method of production.

The aim is to **offer a blueprint for a more rigorous, structured scheme** for both pork and dairy labels. For example, dairy products would be classified on a scale from 0-5, based on compliance with the EU's organic certification scheme and practices.

As Annamaria Pisapia, CIWF Italia's director points out, the Ministries' current proposal *"could easily become a tool for greenwashing, once again funnelling the EU's Common Agricultural Policy funding into intensive farms"*.

Our proposals to the Italian Government instead highlight the need for clear and transparent method of production labelling, to support a transition to genuinely higher welfare farming.

## MORE LABELLING NEWS..

**EU agriculture ministers have called for a new animal welfare labelling scheme.**

But they haven't specified the scheme's requirements, and three quarters of Member States don't want a mandatory label – meaning the cruelty behind many meat and dairy products could remain hidden from view.

*"A voluntary label may also help delay much-needed legislation to improve conditions for farm animals,"* explains Olga Kikou, Head of CIWF EU. *"The proposed label needs to be mandatory and clearly inform consumers about how all animals have been treated."*

**This year, the UK Government is expected to launch its long-awaited consultation on labelling of meat and dairy products.** Armed with 120,000 petition signatures (and counting!) from compassionate people like you, we're ready to respond with a clear message: the UK demands mandatory method of production labelling now.



## TAKE ACTION!

**If you haven't already done so, please call on the UK Government to take action on food labelling at [ciwf.org.uk/labelling-petition](https://ciwf.org.uk/labelling-petition). At the same time, you can sign-up for our email updates, including more ways to get involved in the campaign for Honest Labelling.**



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Louise van der Merwe, founder of  
The Humane Education Trust





# Educating the MIND AND HEART

In South Africa, the inspirational Humane Education Trust is helping to create a **better society**, for animals and people.

Louise van der Merwe heads up Compassion's partnership work in South Africa, engaging with politicians, companies and consumers to end factory farming.

The Humane Education Trust, which Louise founded, also supports animal welfare teaching – and, here, she explains how the Trust helps transform attitudes to animals.

"Back in the late 1980s, the sight of debeaked hens shocked me into a career that opened my eyes to a devastating world of human disregard for animal suffering.

With just a few supporters, we launched *Animal Voice* magazine, to raise awareness of cruel practices in the food chain. And, because animal welfare didn't feature anywhere in South Africa's school curriculum, we also began our education programme.

Over the decades, we've successfully introduced animal care throughout the curriculum – for 5 to 17-year-olds – and our resources are officially recognised by the Department of Education. But our most recent breakthrough has come from addressing the notion of 'human entitlement'.

In his book, *Animal Rights Education*, Dr Kai Horsthemke identified that *"virtually all education leaves students with the idea... that nonhumans are subordinate"*.

Dr Horsthemke suggests that, to reverse this sense of innate superiority, humane education should teach not just kindness, but also justice. And, following this principle, we have

incorporated the internationally-recognised Five Freedoms for animals into our work:

- Freedom from hunger and thirst
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from pain, injury and disease
- Freedom to express normal behaviour
- Freedom from fear and distress



Teacher and Louise's colleague for 20 years, Vivienne Rutgers, teaching the Five Freedoms for animals

I believe these principles come close to eliminating, from our psyche, a sense of entitlement over nonhuman lives. They convey, instead, the right of every living being in our care to live comfortably and without distress.

This, in turn, inspires a sense of justice that children readily understand and, from our first Five Freedoms pilot project, we saw a dramatic change in students' attitudes – towards not only animals but also their daily experiences.

Following the project, one teacher heard two nine-year-old boys debating whether a nearby dove, extending its wings to catch the sun, was experiencing 'freedom from pain, injury and disease', or 'freedom to express normal behaviour'.

Meanwhile, students spontaneously began to extrapolate the Five Freedoms to themselves. I heard a young girl say to a boy: 'Don't bully me. I'm a sentient being.' She understood the implications of the Freedoms better than her own rights under South Africa's Constitution.

In this way, teaching justice as well as compassion for animals could have benefits throughout society. As one child said, *"if you help animals you will become very kind and help people too."*

Most crucially, I believe, this approach reaches both hearts and minds. Humane education is, ultimately, about us. It's about our dignity. It's about the quality and worth of the human race itself."



## Find out more...

Explore the work of the Humane Education Trust at [animalvoice.org](http://animalvoice.org) and [caringclassrooms.co.za](http://caringclassrooms.co.za)

Visit [ciwf.org.uk/Education](http://ciwf.org.uk/Education) for Compassion's learning resources for schools in the UK.

# CLEAN KITCHEN – A COMPASSIONATE PARTNERSHIP

Last year, Made in Chelsea star Verity Bowditch and YouTuber Michael (Mikey) Pearce launched Clean Kitchen – a plant-based take-away and restaurant chain. They also formed an exciting partnership with Compassion in World Farming and donated all profits from their ‘limited-edition’ Compassion Burger!

Clean Kitchen will soon grow to six locations, and has impressive sustainability goals. **Here, Verity tells us more about this exciting venture...**

## ***How does Clean Kitchen reflect your lifestyle?***

“Clean Kitchen represents everything I stand for: compassion to animals, sustainability and health and wellness. I studied biomedical science, and a big part of that was nutrition. I became a pilates instructor because of my interest in health, and I’m really passionate about animals because I grew up on a rescue farm. After learning more about the dairy and egg industry, I also recently went vegan.”

## ***How did the Clean Kitchen concept come about?***

“I met Mikey during lockdown, at a virtual running club. When we embarked on this partnership I never

imagined what I was getting myself in for, but it’s been an amazing journey. It started with one kitchen offering food deliveries, but now has multiple kitchens and two physical sites in Shoreditch and Wembley – and we’re still growing!

It’s been an incredible opportunity to introduce people to plant-based food, and I’ve also been able to focus on sustainability. Right now, we’re working on implementing the UK’s first reusable delivery system, which would enable us to become entirely carbon-neutral.”

## ***Why did you decide to support Compassion in World Farming?***

“I think a lot of people aren’t well-informed about where their food comes from, or what factory farming actually entails. That’s something we’re trying to help change, so they can make their own, informed choices.

After we launched the Compassion Burger, friends of mine began to question factory farming and look into it more, and that’s exactly what we’re trying to make happen. Mikey has also raised funds and awareness for Compassion in World Farming through a collaborative, sponsored running challenge.”

## ***What’s next for Clean Kitchen?***

“Our two-storey Camden restaurant is due to open very soon. We also want to continue to educate people about plant-based food and grow our podcast, ‘Get me to Vegan’. We love talking to high-profile guests about all things entrepreneurship and plant-based living, and we follow Mikey’s journey to a fully plant-based diet!”

## **Find out more...**

Find out more about Clean Kitchen, their innovative menu, and their support for Compassion at [cleankitchen.club](https://cleankitchen.club)



# UDDERLY BRILLIANT ANIMAL CHAMPIONS

Whether you want to get active or sit back and relax, check out these inspiring examples of fundraising for farm animals!

This year's Royal Parks Half Marathon may have been 'virtual', but the running was certainly real! **Anna Wisniewski raised a fantastic £1,084** to fight live exports and factory farm cruelty.



**Anna:** a royal run to fight cruelty

Local volunteer group, CIWF Brighton, have been helping farm animals AND the planet by **selling pre-loved clothes and accessories** online, via [vinted.co.uk](https://www.vinted.co.uk)

**Liam Beavis** has taken on the challenge to run 100km in a single day. He has already raised almost **£600** to help transform the lives of farm animals.



**Liam:** training for his epic challenge for farm animals

**Emma Macfarlane** sold **homemade dog biscuits** at work and in her community, not only raising **over £400** for farm animals but also sparking great conversations about higher welfare food.

**Helen O'Hara** organised **yoga sessions over Zoom** – helping to keep minds and bodies healthy whilst raising **over £300** to fight factory farming.



**Helen:** helping humans - and farm animals - via Zoom

**Brown** organised a brilliant, **virtual singing session** – raising almost **£400** to give farm animals a life worth living.

## HELP OUT WHILE OUT & ABOUT

Compassion supporter, Mark Turley, has created a **fabulous guide to British flora and fauna** – including farm animals! The *Pocket Companion to the Countryside* is packed with photos and information, and Mark is generously donating all proceeds from the current print run to help end factory farming. Priced at £13.99, including UK P&P, it's a must!



Visit [ciwf.org.uk/pocketcompanion](https://ciwf.org.uk/pocketcompanion) or **GET IN TOUCH** to order a copy!



## Shopping online?

Why not raise funds for farm animals at no extra cost to you! Find out more at [ciwf.org.uk/GAYL](https://ciwf.org.uk/GAYL)



## GET IN TOUCH!

**If you've been inspired to get more involved and would like to start fundraising for farm animals, we're here to help!**

**Please contact our Supporter Engagement Team, who can offer fundraising advice and encouragement, and help publicise your fantastic efforts to fight factory farming.**


**Tel:** +44 (0)1483 521 953 (lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

**E-mail:** [supporters@ciwf.org](mailto:supporters@ciwf.org)

**Web:** [ciwf.org.uk/contact-us](https://ciwf.org.uk/contact-us)

**Write:** Compassion in World Farming,  
River Court, Mill Lane, Godalming,  
Surrey, GU7 1EZ, UK

# THEIR FUTURE IS OUR FUTURE

A piglet with brown and white patches is standing in a grassy field, looking up at a hand holding a piece of lettuce. The background is a clear blue sky with some distant trees.

Thanks to the generosity of visionary people like you, gifts in Wills make a huge contribution to Compassion's work to end the suffering and environmental destruction caused by factory farming.

Please consider leaving a lasting legacy of your compassion for farm animals – for the sake of all our futures.

**To order your free Will pack, or to find out more about leaving a gift in your Will to Compassion, please get in touch today.**

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