

Animal products and dirty secrets

Have you ever thought about where and how animal products are produced? Do the vast and misleading advertisements which are made for financial profit and encourage people to buy these products, not hide the truth? Does using these products conform to human civilization? Is consuming meat and animal products really beneficial to human body, or is it a kind of addiction and a dangerous poison that destroys body, soul, the environment, and the world? In this section I will unveil the hidden face of the animal products industry so that consumers can see what criminals they support and what products they consume. Nowadays especially in seemingly civilized countries, packaged meat, which appears clean and has no similarity to its real form, shines in nylon-wrappers and winks at customers. Most people, by imitating one another and watching media advertisements, buy these products and feed their unfortunate bodies with them. They forget where these products come from and have no idea about what happens behind the scene. Some people even think that fur is made from shaving animal hair and then gluing them on fabric, and that no harm is done to animals! **Also Many people do not even want to know about the truth because they believe by denying and not seeing the crimes, they are considered innocent and can continue to use animal products without feeling any remorse.**

False labeling: The animal products industry puts false labels on products and does not get punished for it. False labeling like “nurtured in nature” and a picture of a cow grazing free and happy along with her calf lead people to think these animals live in the utmost of joy, when in fact many of them have no access to outdoors, free space, and the minimum of sanitary facilities. They moan in darkness and loneliness, under torture and pressure from the noblest of creatures. No pity is given to them and no helping hand is extended toward them. Many products are sold without labeling because the industry does not want people to know what they buy and unfortunately the shoppers and therefore the industry only focus on bigger, cheaper and fatter products. Today most cheap products are produced in countries such as china and we should be aware of the fact that **cheap products equal more cruelty to animals and workers**. An amazing point is that in the United States, which based on regulation is better than other countries; no humane regulations exist to support domestic animals. There are even rules that based on them animal nurseries are not held accountable for the way they treat animals. Some rules ban taking pictures or even passing by slaughterhouses and consider it a crime! Slaughterhouses are of course built in faraway places so that they are not easily accessible.

Factory Farms: With technology's advancement and humanities stagnation, people's lives have become easier but animals' lives have turned into hell on earth because, due to high consumption of meat, especially in countries like the United States, more animals are kept in unsanitary and inhumane conditions, to respond to the high demand. (There is no need for eating meat or other animal products, but based on habits and blind imitation, this cruelty against animals continues.) In the last 60 years factory farms have replaced farms. In another words, animals are kept in factories, on top of cement, rods, and bars, in small dirty cages where they cannot move around easily, on each other's excreta, and in complete darkness. Previously in a hen house it was not possible to keep more than a couple of a thousand chickens, and all the work was done by human workers. Today since owners want the most financial profit and the lowest costs, they have put the pressure on these

innocent animals and have lowered their level of comfort and sanitation to below zero and these helpless animals cannot complain and inform the people of their condition. Animal right organizations do not have the power to save these animals, but they are active to improve the living conditions of these animals in factories. After the introduction of factory farms, and the abundance and cheap cost of their products, a lot of damage was inflicted upon the owners of natural farms and many of them lost their jobs. For example, in today's hen houses approximately one million egg-laying chickens are kept. Animals are viewed as slaves and meat, milk, eggs, and skin-producing machines, not as creatures that can sense and feel just like humans.

This trade, like others, is in competition with its competitors, and because there is no difference in the type of merchandise – for example meat is meat and egg is egg – the only competition is in lowering the price because unfortunately most people, especially due to lack of awareness and knowledge, are attracted to lower prices and do not pay attention to quality or humanitarian issues. Owners of such nurseries are very careful not to reveal their dirty secrets and continue to spend huge sums on false advertisements and fighting the animal right supporters, fearing that people might see their real faces and their betrayals. If these truths are displayed, without a doubt most caring and humanity-supporting people will rise to these criminals' opposition.

Media virus

Many media and even internet websites like many other trades, instead of promoting humanity and informing people, only care about their own financial profits. They give air time to entertaining and pleasant issues that conform to the general public opinion, like programs with sexual themes that do not harm inhumane trades financially, or fictional and violent movies that distance people from the real world, strengthen pleasures and violations, and are mostly supported by the jobber capitalists. **People are brainwashed and live with negligence, pay no attention to humanitarian issues, and do not rise against the deceitful capitalists who benefit from people's lack of attention or information.**

A very interesting point: many media do not broadcast the programs and videos of the defenders of animal rights (personal experience). They claim that these programs are scary and violent and would bother meat-eaters, the supporters of these crimes! But on the other hand they show much scarier fictional movies about ghosts, monsters, war, and massacre of people. These movies have negative effect on people, especially young children, and strengthen violence in them and in the society. **If media are against showing violent programs, why do they discriminate between topics? We therefore conclude that the only reason these scenes of animal abuse are not shown is money.** Such shows can awaken the human powers in people's souls and forbid them from buying animal products and as a result, harm the owners of the media and their customers who advertise on these media to sell their animal products. But watching fictional movies has no financial harm. A wise person should not trust the media as the best source of information and should be aware of the fact that many television shows including the physicians and scientists are supported by the animal product industry and therefore their mission is to advertise animal products and hide the truth from people in order to earn more money.

A media that focuses on its true purpose of existence meaning to serve people and promote awareness, should not promote sale of animal products because promoting these products is like promoting use of cigarette and addictive drugs. Of course animal products do more harm than smoking or using drugs.

Cows raised for their meat

Thousands of cows spend their lives in closed spaces with no health facilities. Their horns are cut and they are branded with hot iron, which is categorized as a third-degree burn. This branding is repeated many times throughout the animals' short lives. Males are castrated without anti pain medication. You might say what cold-heartedness! Can this animal that is supposed to be killed and eaten by people be valued? They are jailed in small, populated, dusty spaces where the danger of respiratory problems is high. They are deprived from their natural lives like grazing in the pasture or sleeping under the shade of a tree. They live on their own excreta and therefore most animals kept in factory farms deal with various diseases.

The same way you marinate meat in spices before cooking it, animals are kept on top of their own excreta in factories and the fumes and the dust is fed to them before you consume them.



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Why there is no sanitation? Cleaning such large facilities takes a lot of workers and workers do not work for free. The important point is that the owners of these prisons only think about their own benefit, and not the health of the animals or the people who eat them. Animals are mostly fed corn in excessive quantities, which is great for fast growth but results in significant health problems. **The helpless animals are even fed the meat, blood, hooves and skin from their own species even the manure and the diseased animals and this is not illegal. Pig carcasses can be rendered and fed back to pigs, turkey carcasses can be rendered and fed back to turkeys.**

How would you feel if you are forced to eat human carcass?

Mad cow disease is result of feeding rendered (a process in which animal carcasses and waste are ground up and heated to create animal feed ingredients) cattle to cattle. For this reason every once in a while you hear in the media that they say do not eat cow meat until further notice (run to the

vegetarian food haven.) They are given antibiotics and strong hormones to help them grow faster and reduce death rates so the unconscionable owners would spend less money on water, food, and maintenance. Animals that naturally live for about fifteen years, last only about five months in these factory farms.

They grow fat in five months and become ready to go to the slaughterhouse. Many other diseases are produced in this journey that is usually long and can take days. Animals are piled on top of each other as violently as possible. They get crushed and many die or become seriously injured. They have no access to water, food, or fresh air, and float in their own excreta. The bacteria can transfer from one to the other easily because they are in close contact. Along the way the ones that are injured and cannot move are thrown out of the trucks like garbage. Does meat-eating not support criminals?

How are cows received at the slaughterhouse? When the trucks arrive, the animals are so frightened and know what is going to happen to them. They are not stupid. Therefore, The workers go on the trucks and force them walk to their own deaths using electric prods or beating and kicking them. Slaughterhouses are like assembly lines. All workers need to perform their duties with speed and without wasting any time or showing any sympathy because in the system of this industry just like many other industries profit is placed above life. Unconscionable criminals or those with bad records who cannot find jobs anywhere else, are the best candidates for working in such places. These worker's basic rights are compromised and they have to work long hours in this terrible environment leading to increased risk of injury and stress and therefore strengthening the desire to more animal abuse. Sometimes animals which fall on floor and are not dead come to the workers and desperately ask for help but the workers have to attack these animals and beat them to death. Before killing, if there is a chance, some workers who cannot do what they want to human beings easily due to legal consequences, abuse the innocent animals instead. For example, they sexually abuse them, beat them, and in short, whatever makes them happy.

Animals that are injured, or cannot walk due to extreme hunger or thirst, are beaten and pulled on the ground with ropes and are taken to the slaughterhouses violently. They are hung by their feet with very little space between them. An iron rod is usually fired to the brain of the animals to numb them, but this is mostly ineffective because due to lack of time and attention, it is not done the right way. When they are hung, when their heads are being cut off, and even when they are being skinned and their feet cut, animals feel pain. They float in their own blood and witness the screaming and shouting of the other animals trying to escape death and this hell (for more information and to watch videos from such places, please refer to my website.)

A dangerous criminal who has taken the life of thousands of people would not be punished like this.



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An interesting point: Countries like the United States that claim to support humanities are not willing to kill the lowest of people and believe that even killing murderers (human killers) is against human values, and instead imprison them for life. But they do not want to believe that if killing criminals is bad, why killing a pure, innocent animal is okay? If all people, especially in their childhood when they have pure thoughts, visit a slaughterhouse only once, the number of meat eaters will dramatically decrease.

In the United States, every year around thirty millions innocent cows are tortured and murdered to feed the people who have sold their souls and wisdom to the capitalists and the bloodthirsty powerful.

Pigs

Pork is consumed a lot in the United States, contrary to many beliefs and countries in which eating pork is not kosher. Some say pork has parasites, and some believe pigs are very similar to humans and eating pork is like eating human flesh. Pigs are clean-animals that like sleeping in clean, dry places, and the reason they like to roll around in mud in warm weather is that mud protects their skin from excess heat, burning, and flies and keeps them cool (they can not sweat). They have good memories and are smarter than a three-year-old human child, and I wonder how this title of stupidity has been given to these animals!

Did you know that the smartest animals are pigs, chimpanzees, whales, and dolphins?

Piglets sleep in populated corrals in their own excreta in industrial farms, and do not have the ability to move or to sleep in comfort and live in total confinement. **The males are castrated, and their teeth and tails clipped.** Why? Because in these populated corrals they are in close proximity to each other and, because they are under a lot of pressure and have to be in a dirty place, they get angry. With no teeth, if they want to attack one another they can't bite each other. If their living place had more room, this problem would be solved. They spend about six months in this hell. During this period they are deprived from living naturally. They live in darkness, on top of cement and their own excreta which has the worst breathing conditions. The dust is mixed with the fumes of urine and feces and enters their body, burns their breathing chambers, and causes respiratory infection and other diseases. The lack of access to open spaces and sunlight helps the viruses grow faster. If throughout the day they get only thirty minutes of sunlight, the UV rays would kill all the viruses (like the cold virus). Their immune systems are weakened due to being under pressure in a small and dirty cell with no movement. Their bones become hollow and can easily break. In order to keep them alive in this pollution they are fed a large dose of antibiotics. After about six months they are put in vehicles with force and beating, and are sent to the slaughterhouse. There they are apparently given brain shock, which is of course not so effective because it is not done correctly. Even after their blood



Animal Transport Accident



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vessels are cut (because there is not enough time for the animal to die) most of them are still alive and feel pain and horror. They are thrown in hot water tanks to make pull out their body hair easier. In the United States, every year around 100 million pigs are murdered to be consumed as food. **If someone poked us with the tip of a needle, we turn the world upside down, and do not sit silently until they are punished. But now you see what we do to innocents who do not harm us in any way, yet we consider ourselves Noble human beings!**

Pigs that produce piglets

These female animals are the most unfortunate because they are always pregnant and lactating, and spend all their lives in a cell that is like a box smaller than those of the pigs that produce meat. Based on the illogical sayings of the owners of this profession, the mother pig's inability to move prevents her children from getting crushed. With a look at the natural life of pigs we see that mother pigs lower their bodies slowly when they are going to sleep so that their children have the chance to move and escape. In factory farms, the insanitary conditions for mother pigs are the same as for other animals.

Due to severity of depression, helplessness, and hopelessness, these animals show unusual characteristics, like slamming their heads on their surroundings, similar to a jailed human being who beats and slams herself into the wall due to high anxiety and discomfort.



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Birds

Contrary to what most people believe chickens are smart animals. They have very strong senses of hearing and vision. The reason roosters wake up early in the morning and sing is that they sense the light earlier. They have self control, understand the relationship between cause and effect, worry about future, communicate with one another when they have new information, and become aware of the presence of an object, even if they don't see or hear it. Chickens and roosters are very devoted to their chicks, and even sacrifice their lives when faced with danger or other animals to save their chicks. Turkeys are also very social birds and their babies usually live with their mother until the age of one. They can run fast for about twenty miles, see the world in color, and like listening to music and singing.



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Not even one federal law protects them in factory farms, and the law of humane killing (numbing before killing) does not include birds (and fish.) After being born, male chicks (rooster) are separated from female ones, and since they can not lay eggs or produce more meat, therefore they are not beneficial to the industry and are either thrown in the garbage alive and die due to being crushed under the pressure, or thrown in a giant grinding machine. A portion of the chick's beak, an important and sensitive part of their body, is cut with a hot blade, without any anti pain medication. This pain sometimes persists until the end of their short lives and makes eating and drinking water very difficult.

Cutting the beak of a chick is like cutting the tip of a human being's fingers.

Why do they do this? For money. These chicks are kept in covered factories along with thousands of other chickens. Due to overcrowding and loud noise, eating and drinking water becomes difficult, and angry, anxious birds attack each other. But since there is no beak, they cannot hurt each other. Also a portion of their toes and snoods of male turkeys is cut to prevent them from injuring or clawing one another or having any physical activities, so that they become fat. Their bodies are also modified genetically to produce meat faster meaning these chicks are developed very fast by using medication and hormones. Due to this fast growth, their bodies become heavy but their brain, heart, and lungs stay small. Their feet cannot carry this heavy load which causes limb defects. Many fall to the ground and cannot get themselves to water and food, and as a result die. The fumes from urine and feces mixed with dirt and other chemical products are fed to them and as a result these birds, captive to humans, contract many diseases, such as deep, infectious wounds.



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Turkeys are ready to go to the slaughterhouse in four months and chicken in six weeks. To be transferred, birds are thrown violently into cages, in a way that many arrive at the slaughterhouse with broken wings and deep wounds, and many lose their life along the way. The journey is also usually long and takes many hours. In the slaughterhouse, before getting killed, they are often abused by workers in many ways, are kicked toward every direction, their body parts and wings are broken or cut off. Hidden cameras have recorded many of these crimes and prove them. They are hung by their feet, are given electric shock so that their head remains suspended, and are promptly cut by a blade but because this electric shock is not carried out correctly, many of them are thrown in the hot water alive for defeathering.

In the United States every year about nine billion birds are killed.

Foie Gras

It is appropriate to explain how this food, product of France is prepared. *Foie Gras* is made from male ducks. Workers force feed the ducks with metal bars down their throats and hold their mouths shut so that they swallow the food. This causes the animal's liver to grow to be 12 times the normal size, so that the customer enjoys the food much more. Fortunately this inhumane food is being taken off many restaurant menus.

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Cows, our second mothers (even much kinder than our own parents)

Many people and vegetarians might believe that lactating cows do not get abused and are not killed. Most people believe that a cow always produces milk, and a lot of it, and therefore cattle farms only milk the excess and sell it. Animal agriculture also makes false claims to fool true hearted people by spreading rumors and saying: if we do not treat animals humanely and make them anxious and uncomfortable, they cannot produce milk or eggs!

Why do cows produce milk? Most people say: for people to drink it. Why do female humans produce milk? This time they say in response: for their children. Have you ever thought about the fact that female cows also produce milk to feed their calves, and not to feed people? Mother's milk is only produced for babies who cannot eat any other food yet. Human beings are the only creatures that drink milk from birth till death, and not only that, but another creature's milk. **Can you drink the milk from a human breast or use it for making cake or ice cream?** If your answer is no, then how can you drink the milk from another creature's body and consider it a nutritious and healthy drink?

Lactating cows, like other animals live in inhumane and unsanitary conditions. **In factory farms female cows are abused and impregnated every year.** The pregnancy period of a cow is, like humans, nine months and has painful and hard childbirths. Mostly after the calf is born, without giving her/him a chance to stand up on its feet and drink mother's milk, she/he is dragged away from the mother and the mother cow runs after her child shocked and terrified.



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Imagine a human being who waits for the birth of her child for nine months and at birth, the child is taken away with total brutality. How would the mother and the child feel? This separation causes extreme depression in the mother cow and her calf, and many calves die because of it. A mother cow waits for months for its calf and grieves and never forgets. If the calf is female, she has the same fate as the mother, and if it is male, he is sent to the special place where calves are kept to be killed at the right time and their meat will be consumed by people. They are kept in dark wooden boxes the size of their body. They are chained to prevent them from moving around, because if they move their muscles become hard and are not as pleasant for customers. **Many dairy calves are fed milk replacer including blood during their liquid feeding period.** In some farms sick calves are beaten to death with tools such as hammer because in order to cure or kill them using less cruel methods, the industry will have to spend some money.

Lactating cows are attached to metal milking machines several times a day, which are very uncomfortable, so the farmers will steal and sell the milk that is the right of the calves. Cow's udders are usually infected and swell up and are very painful (Mastitis). If a human is diagnosed with this disease, she cannot give milk anymore and must be treated. But lactating cows have no choice but to suffer through the pain and the infection because if the milk is not taken and sold, the grown babies (humans) will remain hungry. **These animals are also given strong hormones and are manipulated genetically to produce more milk – three times as much as a normal cow.** I watched a video from a cattle farm which showed a lactating cow that could hardly take a step or sit and stand up, because of the amount of milk she was carrying. Cattle farms have the highest rate of grounded animals. When the amount of milk produced is reduced or the animal cannot take this hell and the extra weight, she falls to the ground and is then beaten, thrown by a bulldozer or pulled from legs, which sometimes causes broken bones or detachment of limbs and is taken to the slaughterhouse. Sick animals are also killed and used either for people or other animals consumption.



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Is this the way you treat your mother?

In supermarkets, milk products fool people with misleading descriptions and pictures of happy and smiling cows dancing and grazing in nature. Most interesting is that the calves are also next to their mothers! As I said before there are no regulations to oppose these misleading descriptions and pictures and inhumane behavior toward animals, because the only goal is to sell the products and increase income. But recently with the broadcasting of such false and criminal claims by the organizations supporting animal rights, these companies are slowly under pressure to reconsider their actions. For more information about the harm of animal milk, refer to the “harm of animal products to human body” section.

Milk alternatives

Nowadays there are many good alternatives for milk and dairies which are delicious and healthy. Calcium and a variety of vitamins vital to human body are added to them and, unlike animal milk, they do not have harmful fats. Soy, rice, wheat, and almond beverages are among the most popular options.

Angels with broken wings

When female chicks are about four months old, they are introduced to “battery cages” and spend their lives there until death, which is about two years. Their beaks are cut beforehand to keep them from pecking each other. In some factory farms, a portion of their foot is also cut to prevent them from moving or clawing each other. These cages are made of rods all the way through, even on the bottom where the feet of chickens are wounded. These cages are the size of a normal drawer and are stacked in rows of three or four. **In each cage six or seven chickens are jammed in a way that each chicken has less room than a piece of paper. The bird cannot move, open its wings, or sleep**

comfortably, and is considered a lifeless, senseless scarecrow that should only eat, lay eggs, and has no other rights.

In this hell, giving water and food, and artificial days and nights are done automatically, and the owners of this profession have reached their dream of eliminating workers and minimizing cost. The bottom surface of these cages is angled and the eggs can roll down to a special basket. Workers are only used to take the eggs and remove the old chickens from their cage. In order to not have the need to clean the excreta, the cages are all made of bars. The feces pass through the holes but they fall on the chickens in the lower level. Because of excessively egg-laying, the amount of calcium in the chickens' bodies is reduced, which causes weak bones and other diseases. **With no access to outdoors and sunlight, they remain in closed insanitary spaces on top of their own excreta and contract diseases such as skin infection and respiratory problems. They lose their feathers, and their bodies and feet become bruised from standing on the bars. They look nothing like free chickens, and if they are taken outside they would not be able to walk** because they forget that, just like human beings, they naturally have the ability and right to walk. It is so filthy in there that people cannot enter without wearing a mask. Each hen lays about 300 eggs a year. **After two years, when the rate of egg laying is reduced, the chickens are so violently pulled out from between the bars that their wings break. Then, just like other meat producing birds, they go to the slaughterhouse to become food.**



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If you pay attention in your next shopping trip you will see that the bodies of these chickens are crushed and their heads and feet are not sold. This is done to keep customers from seeing the cut beaks and the bruises on their feet and body, and from finding out about the crimes of this industry against innocent animals.

Each year about 70 billion chickens are tortured and killed by humans which includes male chicks, broiler chickens, breeders and egg laying hens.

Labels that fool

Recently organic products and also products with humane labeling (free range, cage free) are produced and some people believe that these products are cruelty free and clean and healthy. The only benefit is lack of antibiotics and hormone but it still has the artery clogging saturated fat, cholesterol and other harms that all animal product have.

In many of these places, thousands of animals are forced to live in sheds or mud-filled lots in order to increase profit. The animals will also suffer from debeaking, dehorning, castration and the tails of the pigs will be chopped off without painkillers. Cows on organic dairy farms have to endure the forced yearly pregnancies and their calves will be taken away from them after birth. Cows with infected udders are denied medications because if they receive medication, their milk will not be sold as organic. Many of these animals are sent to the factory farms to be fattened prior to slaughter and live in feces and mud. These cows will also be labeled organic as long as they are given organic food. At the end, the animals are shipped on trucks to the same slaughter houses used by factory farms.

Stolen Skins



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I am once again reminded of the caveman era when animals were hunted and their skin was removed and worn by the hunters. Today, despite the existence of industry and technology, animals are still skinned and their skin is worn. Fur clothing is especially fashionable and, since it is a bit more expensive, people like to use it to show that they are wealthy and high-class. But from a humanitarian

point of view, this is a crime. Animals cannot live without their skin but we human beings can live without wearing their skin. **Why do people need to wear animal skin to look a bit like that animal? What is wrong with being a human? If someone is against stealing, how can this person buy a stolen skin product and support such an inhumane trade?** There is a special place called a skin factory where they keep animals like foxes, dogs, bears, tigers, cats, alligators, raccoons, sables, kangaroos, snakes, and all other animals with beautiful skin. In **Australia**, mother kangaroos are also hunted for their fur or flesh and their babies who are resting inside the pouch are pulled out and killed savagely by beating and crushing their heads.

China is one of the largest countries famous for this dirty trade and usually uses dogs and cats because eating dogs and cats is common in these countries, and as a result their skin should also be used. To prepare skin products, first animals are trapped and see serious injuries. It is possible that they remain in their traps without water and food, in cold or heat, for days before they are gathered and violently jammed into barred cages on top of each other, which in most cases causes broken bones and serious physical injuries. Many trapped animals, in order to free themselves, chew on the trapped hand or foot, but they die after escaping due to severe bleeding and infection, or they get attacked by other animals. Caged animals constantly move in different directions and claw on the bars, which show their anxiety and desire to escape.

Many animals are stolen from their owners and their identification collars remain on them. The workers injure the animals by beating them on their heads and body in front of other animals, to prevent them from moving and even cut their toes. They then hang them and, while the animal is shouting (in some cases they shut the animal's mouth with wire, can, or any other tool to prevent them from shouting) start to skin them with a knife. **They don't even trouble themselves with killing the animal first because they don't want the skin to see any damage.** They enjoy torturing the pure innocent animals, and also based on the shameful Chinese tradition, the more the animal is tortured, the tenderer its meat becomes. This is even done on the side of the street as easily as peeling a fruit, because in China there are no laws for supporting animals. Meat market in such countries is one of the scariest markets in the world because all kinds of animals are found here and the scariest part is the animals who are skinned, parts of their bodies are removed but they are still alive and moving. **If a human being is not obedient to a humane belief and there are no punishments for her/his actions, she/he is transformed into a monster looking for its own physical and financial pleasure.**



After skinning, the animal is thrown to a corner and loses its life in the most violent way in the hands of the noblest of creatures. It is said that animals stay alive for about ten minutes after they are skinned and their heads and eyelids move. Even some stay alive for long hours depending on the method they are skinned and amount of blood they lose. These skinned animals then become food. It takes longer time for skinned snakes to die and they may die after a few hours or one or two days.

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated (Gandhi).

Canada is one of the biggest countries for killing hundreds of thousands of seals and selling seal skin and flesh. Most victims are pups who have not opened their eyes to this world yet and are relaxing on the snow waiting for their mothers. They are killed with sharp wooden blows to their head, so that their skin can be stolen and sold. Many are also cut and skinned alive like in China. When the mother comes back from her hunt, she does not see anything besides blood and pieces of her pup's body torn apart.



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In the United States animals are usually killed using gas, poison, breaking the neck, or electrical shock (to give the animal a heart attack), which of course does not work a hundred percent of the time because it is not done correctly. Many animals are awake and feel pain when they are being skinned. You see that humanity is not related to technological and industrial progress or financial comfort, but is a completely separate issue.

Every year about 50 million animals are tortured and killed for their beautiful skin around the world.

Who supports such a cruel trade? Those who buy skin products are the real criminals, because if there are not customers there are not any sellers. Since United States was forced to oppose the import of cat and dog skin due to opposition, these skins are sold as skins of other animals, fake skin, or without specifications. Your skin overcoat (if you have one) might be made from the skin of several cats and dogs, because an overcoat is usually made from the skin of forty animals. In order to boycott countries like China, avoid buying their products as much as possible (especially pet supplies and food).

Leather: The skin of meat -producing animals are even more profitable for the owners of the meat trade and are used in many industries. Leather can also be a product from countries such as China because it has no identification sticker, and therefore can be the skin of cats or dogs that are tortured and skinned in China. Even in United States, as I said before, animals like cows are not given a chance to die after their throat is slashed and are therefore skinned alive.

We have no need to wear animal skin and can use alternatives.

wool

In Australia (which is known for raising sheep) wool-producing sheep's genetics are manipulated to produce more wool. As a result, insects gather in the wool of these sheep. In order to prevent the insects from laying eggs, they strip off the skin from the hind quarters of sheep without numbing the animal. There are many humane ways to fight insects but they are more expensive. Therefore to save money, they perform this violent act on animals. Many sheep die of infection and other diseases. After using the wool of these sheep, their meat is also used. Many of them are exported live overseas, including the Middle East. These sheep (and cows), like other animals, are violently stacked on top of each other, without water or food, and must endure long journeys in such



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conditions, causing many to lose their lives in the process. On the other side the slaughterhouse

workers grab the sheep from their feet, receive them with punching and kicking, and slash their throats without numbing them first.

Using wool products is cruelty to animals and also causes allergies and itching for the consumers. Examples of wool alternatives: cotton, flannel, polyester and acrylic.

Silk is made by silkworms and is a product of cruelty to them. Silk was discovered by the Chinese about 4000 years ago. Silkworms weave nests around themselves in a span of six days to transform into butterflies inside. In silk producing farms these worms are thrown into hot water and killed before they transform into butterflies and cut their nest. As a result their nests are not damaged and can be turned into silk. Examples of silk alternatives: Nylon and artificial silk.

Scientific Research And Animal Torture

Moving away from natural life and inventing and using chemical products, introduced many health problems and new diseases. Therefore to find cure for these man-made diseases, laboratories and testing on animals began to develop. Performing the clinical testing on animals is a tradition similar to eating meat. If we consider animals to be different from us and have no values for them, then why do we consider them valuable and similar to our bodies in scientific testing? (saying that animals are worthless and sacrificing 50 animals in order to save 100,000 human lives is acceptable, is like saying that old, sick, poor and homeless people are worthless and they should be sacrificed in order to save more human lives and of course testing on humans will yield far more reliable and effective results than tests on animals!) How can we consider the results from testing on animals safe specially animals who are physically and mentally abused every day? **Many tests on animal bodies have negative effects on the human body and these experiments are nothing but a waste of money, time, and energy, and more importantly it puts the life and health of people in danger and delay finding the right treatments.**



Many medications have not been discovered yet and a lot of research for finding a certain cure has been halted due to negative results on animals. But if better and more advanced resources are used for research, maybe treatment to a lot of illnesses could have been found years ago. **The only reason testing on animals continues is because of financial profits and its cheap cost, and the fear of putting old habits to rest and stepping into the modern world.** The cost of human life and cruelty the animals suffer from is also ignored like many other issues.

How do the students, the military and researchers perform these scientific experiments on animals? Most of the testing is done in the cost of harming, torturing, and imprisoning of animals. Many of these animals are stolen from streets (like dogs and cats), nature, and the jungles, and are not used to living alone in small dirty cages with bars stained with feces that carry many respiratory, skins, or infectious diseases. Even unwanted animals who end up in shelters are often sold to labs as test animals. **What they do to these animals in the labs cannot be discussed with the people outside** and rescuing the animals is banned (rats and mice are the most commonly used animals in research and testing but the animal welfare act does not include them). Medications and poison are fed to these animals, and their bodies are opened live which is done usually without numbing drugs or special attention. For some experiments their sense of vision is stolen from them. Metal bars are passed through the brains of

animals like chimpanzees to evaluate their reaction to pain and neural stimuli, while there is no need for such inhumane tests that often give wrong results. To make them fiercer and crueler, military personnel are also taught about war and medical issues by performing on innocent animals.

Alternatives such as microbial cells, human tissue produced in the labs (in research on allergies), modern computerized methods, autopsy, scientific experience in hospitals and others can be used instead. Slowly with the discovery of more advanced alternatives, there will come a time when using a rat for scientific research would be considered inhumane and ridiculous. In the US monkeys are still used for research but this has been banned in many other countries. If there is a need to open the body of an animal, this must be done in a way to prevent animals from feeling any anxiety or discomfort.

A doctor must be a pain soother and a life saver, not a torturer and murderer.

Vivisection is a social evil because if it advances human knowledge, it does so at the expense of human character. George B. Shaw.

When the ocean cries



Photo Courtesy Of Sea Shepherd Conservation Society

Sea animals, from the smallest fish to sharks and whales, get trapped by fishermen. Their gentle bodies are ripped by metal hooks and they become afloat in their own blood. Their silent cry reaches no one's ears, and quietly and in the most pain they lose their lives to become what people call food. Just like other animals, fish are treated inhumanely in fish farms. In countries such as China, fish are cleaned before being killed and even some are cooked in a way that they stay alive during frying so that they can be eaten alive (Chinese formula: the more an animal suffers, the more delicious its flesh tastes). Lobsters are killed and eaten in a very ruthless way. They are thrown in hot water alive because of being hard-shelled. Due to environmental pollution, dumping of chemical products in the sea waters, and also excess fishing, many species of sea animals are moving toward extinction. For example, many dolphins, whales, and turtles are killed on purpose to prevent them from eating fishermen's hunt. **Sharks are also hunted by humans for their flesh, skin, teeth and jaws (for jewelry), cartilage and liver oil for phony medicinal cures and skin care products.** The top ten shark catching countries are Indonesia, India, Spain, Taiwan, Argentina, Mexico, Pakistan, USA, Japan and Malaysia. **In countries like China and Japan, shark fin soup is popular and so fishermen trap sharks and cut their fins and throw the animals back in the water. This sinless animal dives deep into the water and waits for its moment of death where it takes many days to die.** Sharks are slow growing animals. As a result, many shark populations have collapsed worldwide due to overfishing (which in many cases is unregulated and even done illegally for its high income), and some 30% of all shark species are threatened with extinction.

Humans torture and kill about one hundred million sharks a year. Usually sharks are remembered as dangerous and bloodthirsty animals, but in reality, are sharks more dangerous than humans?

Countries like Japan, Norway, and Iceland still hunt whales by the name of **scientific research**, but kill and sell them. International whaling regulations are also ignored or ineffective. Whales are attracted to the whaling ships through fake sound waves that usually male whales create for mating, then are

chased until they are tired and their speed is reduced and are then attacked with thick metal hooks. They die in the most pain from severity of bleeding or suffocating under water. It usually takes an hour for a whale to die. Do we really need to eat whales and shark fins in order to survive?

Secret cove

In a secret cove in Taiji (Japan), dolphins which have been declared the world's second most intelligent creatures after humans, are kept in captivity and then slaughtered in cruel ways for their meat to be sold and consumed by people. The interesting point is that most Japanese are not aware of what happens in this bloody cove and what they eat could be the dolphin meat. The population of large fish species have dropped 90% within the last fifty years because of industrial fishing which uses better hunting methods to capture more fish and gain short term profit.



Photo Courtesy Of Sea Shepherd Conservation Society

If the industrial fishing continues, the oceans will be empty of fish within the next fifty years. I wonder how people will survive at that time without eating fish?

Rainbow of selfishness

On one hand, animals live in nature with a lot of hardship in cold and heat, snow and rain, with no safe shelter and in fear of getting hunted by other animals. On the other hand, they are not safe from the reach of human beings whether in the cities or in the jungle. In cities domestic animals are abused by irresponsible owners. Many are released into the streets or the nature after a while, or are given to an animal shelter, which will be killed in most cases due to lack of room or facilities to keep these unwanted animals. **In USA, about 3 to 4 million unwanted dogs and cats are killed each year.** Displaced animals on the streets often get into accidents with vehicles or fall victim to stone-hearted people and get tortured and killed. **Every year in the United States, about 1.5 million animals lose their lives due to accidents with cars.** These accidents are not harmless to the drivers either,

especially motorcycle riders.



Photo Taken By Nasim – Raccoon Hit By A Car

With the increasing population and need for land and housing, people destroy nature and the jungles and displace or kill the animals who call these jungles their home, instead of thinking about a solution to their own overpopulation problem. In jungles animals are killed in the name of hunting, fall into traps, and in some cases, air and ground attack orders are issued against them for population control and other personal profits.

Pet shops: Most people usually go to these stores or internet web sites to find a companion for their lonely hours, not knowing that this trade also has hidden secrets. Behind the scenes, animals are kept in inhumane conditions and are deprived of humane facilities. Many breeders of domestic animals, with no supervision over what they do, provide no sanitary facilities for these animals because they do not want to spend any money on them. In many cases the dogs that are used to create pups spend their whole lives in small barred wheels. Buying from these shops supports cruelty to animals and also causes an increase in their population. Instead of going to these pet shops, choose your new mates from animal shelters and help reduce the overpopulation and suffering of these animals.

Elephants are the largest land mammal, and can be found in Asia and Africa. Elephant poaching still takes place for their ivory and even their flesh in order to create short term profit for some industries. Sometimes these giant animals are killed so cruelly meaning their toes are cut so they will not be able to walk and fall. Even some ivory thieves tear the helpless animal's face while the animal is still alive. About 23,000 elephants are killed each year for their ivory. Even animals such as rhinos are victims of this trade. Since this business is highly profited, the regulations regarding protection of these animals are ignored. Some blame poverty and state that people are so desperate and hungry so they have no time to think of animal protection. If after a few years that elephants and other animals are extincted, what will people do then and which creature will they attack? Poverty is not our problem, but selfishness and opportunism is our problem and as long we have the chance to take advantage of others, we will continue such evil acts.

Inhumane recreations that are called sports are battles like the bullfighting that take place in Spain and other like-minded countries in many ways. People attack defenseless animals with spears and punch holes in them until they die, but these same criminals who call themselves champions and brave, do not dare poke their own bodies with the tip of a needle. Every year about 250,000 animals

are killed in such ceremonies around the world. If such crimes are called sports then laws of sports and battle should also be respected in them. The opponents should be equal in all aspects and know that they are in a battle, and if there is a weapon available both sides should be able to use it. At the end of such a battle the winner can be called stronger and braver. In the bullfighting what sporting rule is carried out and does a wise human need to fight defenseless animals?

Hunting: Another example of inhumane recreations which is common around the world is hunting animals. We do not need to hunt animals to survive and therefore this act is just a kind of recreation and entertainment for those who enjoy violating the privacy and life of living creatures, and taking it from them. For instance every year in the United States and Canada, about 50,000 bears are killed in the name of hunting. Although rules and regulations for hunting exist, many people ignore them and the government does not enforce them because killing animals brings them financial profit.

Race horses: Do horses love to race, or do they even know what a race is? People capture these animals with force and abuse them for self benefit to earn money through horse racing (gamblers who bet on them) and also using horses and donkeys for transporting loads and doing construction work specially in third world countries, and as soon as these animals age or get injured, they are left to die. In united states the old or injured horses are not sent to senior housing but they are piled on each other in an inhumane way and are shipped to other countries. They tolerate long journeys that sometimes take days with no rest or access to water and food, and many get severely injured and die on the way. Each year about more than one hundred thousand American horses are usually sent to Mexico and Canada to be killed and their meat is sent to Europe and Asia to be consumed by people.

In Circuses animals are always in captivity and through beating and severe physical and mental abuse learn the performance acts. It is sometimes heard that during practice, an animal attacks the trainer and kills her/him. This is because these animals spend their whole life in loneliness and captivation, far from freedom and their natural lives. Every day they are abused physically and mentally to fear their trainer and do what they ask them to do with no resistance. It is only during a performance that they are free and this is the best opportunity to show opposition to this cruel slavery and to get revenge. Animals cannot talk like humans do and they cannot protest, and so their way to complain is violence and attack. When animals living in a zoo or circus age or get injured, they are killed or abandoned.



Baby Elephant Training – Photo Courtesy Of PETA

Have you ever eaten an insect?

We usually consider people living in poor and faraway places that feed on insects uncivilized and feel remorse for their misfortune. But we do not know that, with our advanced facilities and living in a so-called civilized part of the world, we also eat insects, even more than the hungry people of Africa! Did you know that the red food coloring (Carmine) is made from insects (red beetles)? Like ants, these insects have a lot of protein too. They are thrown in hot water to die, and are then dried and crushed, and at the end from the burned body the color red is produced which is used in many foods, beverages, cosmetics, etc. This substance can cause allergies in some people and it is said that it has no other side effects. Why are insects used to create this color? Because of its very low cost and effort.