



Animal Welfare Vs Animal Rights

Animal Welfare Activists' Beliefs:

We seek to improve the treatment and well-being of animals.

We support the humane treatment of animals that ensures comfort and freedom from unnecessary pain and suffering.

We believe deeply in the human animal bond and the important role animals play in our lives.

We oppose all efforts to end our interaction and historic use of animals.

We have the right to "own" animals to protect them; they are our property.

"Animal Rights" Activists' Beliefs are:

They seek to end all use, breeding and ownership of animals.

They believe that any use of an animal is exploitation so, not only must we stop using animals for food and clothing, but pet ownership must be outlawed as well.

They want to obtain legal rights for animals as they believe that animals and humans are equal.

They use false and unsubstantiated allegations of animal abuse to raise funds, attract media attention and bring supporters into the movement. (The Inhumane Crusade, Daniel T. Oliver)

Capital Research Center

Animal rights groups profess to work for improved animal treatment while their ultimate goal is to abolish the following:

- 1) the breeding and owning of pets;
- 2) the use of animals in biomedical research;
- 3) the raising of farm animals for food, clothing, and by-products such as insulin;
- 4) the use of animals in education and entertainment, including zoos, aquariums, circuses and rodeos; and
- 5) all forms of hunting (including field trial competition), trapping and fishing.

Quotes From The Animal Rights Movement

Wayne Pacelle: (President of the Humane Society of the United States, former Executive Director of Fund for Animals). HSUS operates no animal shelters; has no affiliation with the government.

"One generation and out. We have no problems with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding."

Ingrid Newkirk: National Director of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals)

"For one thing we would no longer allow breeding. People could not create different breeds. If people had companion animals in their homes, these animals would have to be refugees from the animal shelter and the streets ... But as the surplus of cats and dogs declined, eventually companion animals would be phased out and we would return to a more symbiotic relationship - enjoyment at a distance."

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"Pet ownership is an absolutely abysmal situation brought about by human manipulation."

"Companion animals ... are like slaves, even if well-kept slaves."

"There is no hidden agenda ... make no mistake, our goal is total animal liberation."

Gary Francione and Tom Regan: "A Movement's Means Create Its Ends," Animals' Agenda

"There are fundamental and profound differences between the philosophy of animal welfare and that of animal rights ... Thus welfare reforms, by their very nature, can only serve to retard the pace at which animal rights goals are achieved."

Tom Regan: The Philosophy of Animal Rights, Culture and Animals Foundation

"It is not larger, cleaner cages that justice demands... But empty cages."