

Animal Welfare Vs Animal Rights

Animal Welfare Activists' Beliefs:

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

- Ø We support the humane treatment of animals that ensures comfort and freedom from unnecessary pain and suffering.
- Ø We have the right to "own" animals -- they are our property.
- Ø We believe animal owners should provide loving care for the lifetime of their animals.

Animal Rights Activists' Beliefs are:

They seek to end the use and ownership of animals.

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

The Twelve Steps of the Animal Rights Agenda

("The Politics of Animal Liberation," by Kim Bartlett, Editor of Animals' Agenda, November 1987.)

1. Abolish by law all animal research.
2. Abolish by law all other types of animal testing.
3. Encourage vegetarianism for ethical, ecological, and health reasons.
4. Phase out intensive confinement livestock production.
5. Eliminate use of herbicides, pesticides, etc.
6. Transfer animal law enforcement of Department of Agriculture to another agency.
7. Eliminate commercial trapping and fur ranching.
8. Prohibit hunting, trapping and fishing for sport.
9. Urge U.S. action to prevent destruction of rainforests and end international trade in wildlife and goods produced from exotic and/or endangered fauna or flora.
- 10. Discourage any further breeding of companion animals, including pedigreed or purebred dogs and cats. Promote spay and neuter of all pets by government subsidized clinics.**
11. End the use of animals in entertainment and sports, with reappraisal of zoos and aquariums.
12. Prohibit genetic manipulation of species.

Quotes From The Animal Rights Movement

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."

Wayne Pacelle: (-President of the Humane Society of the United States, former Executive Director of Fund for Animals)

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