

ANIMAL JUSTICE

The mass incarceration of animals for human consumption is environmentally destructive and unjust.

The solution is to abolish the exploitation of animals, not regulate it. Every human has the fundamental right not to be treated as the PROPERTY of another and we must recognise that every sentient (perceptually aware) nonhuman has that right as well.

Animal justice needs to move from the margins to the mainstream.

We cannot afford to turn a blind eye to the brutality and injustice inflicted by humans on nonhuman animals and expect a society that is just, fair and ethical. What kind of species brutalises and extinguishes the lives of other sentient beings for their own comfort and entertainment?

Industrial farming is as incompatible with a sustained future for humans and other species as mining coal.

The vast expanse of pastureland would be better used for rewilding : the mass restoration of nature to reverse the catastrophic decline in habitats and the diversity and abundance of wildlife and the returning forests, wetlands, and savannahs are likely to absorb more carbon than sophisticated forms of grazing.

The end of animal farming may be hard to swallow. But we are a resilient and adaptable species. We have undergone a series of astonishing changes: the adoption of sedentarism, of agriculture, of cities, of industry.

It is time for a new revolution, almost as profound as those other great shifts : the switch to a plant-based diet.

It is time to see our moral choices as our descendants will.

