

Animal Rights

- To be entitled to smth
- Research subjects
- Domestic animals
- Cattle
- Beast
- Burden animals
- A slaughterhouse
- The ethical treatment of animals
- Moral concern
- Specimen
- To be inferior in status to human beings
- Destruction of fur farms
- Prevention of cruelty to animals
- To ban experiments on animals/bull fighting/baiting
- To pass a law
- To outlaw smth
- Extinction
- Endangered species
- Animal welfare
- To conduct medical experiments
- To advocate for animal rights
- Wanton cruelty to animals
- To advocate vegetarianism

- Abstinence from animal products
- Relationship between humans and nonhumans
- To misuse/ill-use animals
- Poaching

Questions:

- 1 What is your idea of the relationship between human and nonhuman beings?
- 2 Do you love animals? What's your favorite animal?
- 3 Do you have pets? If yes tell about your pet. How do you care about it?
- 4 Is it true that most pets are regarded as family members? What do you think of such an approach to pets?
- 5 How do you regard domestic animals?
- 6 Are animals capable of understanding human beings?
- 7 Do you believe that some animals have some supernatural powers that help human beings? (e.g. Cats can relieve the pain)
- 8 Do you believe that animals have same feelings and emotions as human beings?
- 9 Do you agree that animals live and act only in accordance with basic instincts?
- 10 What is the smartest animal in your opinion?
- 11 What is the use of domestic animals? Cattle? Why do human beings need animals?
- 12 What do you think of medical experiments involving animals? Should such research be banned?
- 13 Do you approve of killing animals for food/fur? Why or why not?
- 14 Do you approve of hunting nowadays?
- 15 What do you think of poaching?
- 16 How can you comment on such activities as bull fighting/dog fighting/cock fighting/horse racing etc? Have you ever seen any of those shows?

- 17 What do you think of animals living in the zoo/ working in the circus? Do you know anything about the conditions animals live in? Are they good?
- 18 Would you abstain from using animal products for the sake of protecting them?
- 19 Do you agree that cruelty to animals should be prosecuted?
- 20 What rights do you think animals are entitled to have?
- 21 Have you ever been to a rescue house? Have you ever taken an animal from the shelter house?
- 22 What is your idea of protecting animals?

Comment on the following statements:

“If you want to test cosmetics, why do it on some poor animal who hasn't done anything? They should use prisoners who have been convicted of murder or rape instead. So, rather than seeing if perfume irritates a bunny rabbit's eyes, they should throw it in Charles Manson's eyes and ask him if it hurts.”

– Ellen DeGeneres, *My Point...And I Do Have One*

“The assumption that animals are without rights, and the illusion that our treatment of them has no moral significance, is a positively outrageous example of Western crudity and barbarity. Universal compassion is the only guarantee of morality.”

– Arthur Schopenhauer, *The Basis of Morality*

“The question is not, "Can they reason?" nor, "Can they talk?" but "Can they suffer?”

– Jeremy Bentham

“Auschwitz begins wherever someone looks at a slaughterhouse and thinks: they're only animals.”

– Theodor W. Adorno

“We must fight against the spirit of unconscious cruelty with which we treat the animals. Animals suffer as much as we do. True humanity does not allow us to impose such sufferings on them. It is our duty to make the whole world recognize it. Until we extend our circle of compassion to all living things, humanity will not find peace.”

– Albert Schweitzer