

For the end of Speciesism

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We march today to reaffirm that nothing justifies that we use other sentient beings for our mere comfort, pleasure or habits.

We march to reaffirm that other animals, which we treat as our commodities, our property, our entertainment items, our outlets to let off steam, suffer from our long outdated vision and that **it is high time this was put to an end.**

We march to reaffirm that the speciesist ideology, which places humans at the centre of everything—on top of everything else—, which states without any valid reason that one individual deserves petting and care, while another is only entitled to cages and beatings: **this speciesist ideology is archaic and deleterious.**

We march because it is urgent to put an end to this subjugation, exploitation, anthropocentrism and arbitrary discrimination.

**For the fish slowly asphyxiated on the deck of a trawler,
For the gassed pig, for the hen and the rabbit that are left to die,
For the calf taken away from his mother, whose milk is stolen,
For the exhausted horse forced to keep walking,
For the puppy bought and sold like a mere object...**

We march for all these individuals, whom we call "the voiceless" after having built for decades all possible structures to restrict their rage, to conceal their pain, to ignore their sorrow, to stifle their cries.

In the face of the immensity of the suffering imposed on other animals,
In the face of this arbitrary discrimination, just as in the face of any other oppression,
In the face of the captivity, the killing, the mutilations...

What we demand is the equal consideration of the interests of all sentient beings!