

Who are we?

Formed in 2003, Against Animal Cruelty Tasmania is a not-for-profit animal protection group based in Tasmania with branches in the north and south of the state. Our aim is to eliminate all exploitation, cruelty, and suffering of non-human animals within our state and beyond.

We strive to facilitate change through non-violent action, education and political lobbying on a range of issues. Our focus is on improving the relationship between humans and non-humans. We aim to foster a greater awareness and understanding of the way human choices impact on non-human animals.

At all times, AACT aims to respect the diverse views of its members and supporters through its actions. We encourage involvement by the wider community in our animal advocacy work.

AACT works with relevant groups and organisations to achieve these objectives:

- ◆ Encouraging and supporting cruelty-free living
- ◆ Campaigning against the exploitation of all non-human animals within Tasmania
- ◆ Responding to national and international cruelty issues as they arise

AACT advocates for an end to exploitation of all non-human animals. Read on for information on some of the issues, or for more information go to www.aact.org.au

The Issues (cont.)

them, many suffer unbearably for years, becoming traumatised and psychotic.

Killing Seasons

Many native wildlife species are subject to annual killing seasons including ducks, quail, shearwaters, and wallabies. This annual blood-shed is legitimised as “recreation” in Tasmania and other states.

Animals in “Research”

Hundreds of thousands of non-human animals are used in Tasmania alone for “research” purposes. This means subjecting fish, sheep, rats, dogs, cats, horses and many other species to painful, invasive, and unnecessary “scientific procedures”. Suffering and death is very much a part of this “research”.

Animals “Exploited”

Millions of non-human animals are killed each year in Australia because of human prejudices that reduce other species to mere “property” status. Killing for food, clothing, entertainment and research causes indescribable misery and suffering every day.



Non-human animals are also killed in huge numbers because they are seen to interfere with human activities. For example, wallabies and possums are

shot or poisoned in their hundreds of thousands due to conflict with agriculture and forestry.

Cruelty and suffering can be avoided by making better choices in our daily lives. Read about the exploitation, become more informed, tell others, lead by example. Exploitation of non-human animals can be stopped by changing the way you live.

Please pass this on to someone you know who needs to know.



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for all animals...
NO EXCEPTIONS



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The Issues

Animals as "Food"

Pigs and Cattle

Most pigs in Australia, and Tasmania, lead lives of appalling suffering. Breeding sows are confined in sow stalls or farrowing crates, for almost all of their lives. Their only experience of fresh air,



A farrowing pen

grass and sunlight may come when they are loaded onto trucks for slaughter. For "free range" pigs and cattle raised for meat, the quality of their short lives may be better but the end result is still a terrifying and brutal death in a slaughterhouse.

Laying Hens and Broiler Chickens

"Battery" hens spend their short lives in tiny wire cages, deprived of basic necessities, only seeing daylight when they are sent to slaughter. "Free range" hens also live very



Battery hens

unnatural lives. Common to all commercial laying systems are painful debeaking, severe feather loss, and premature death at about 18 months of age. All male chicks are killed shortly after hatching.

"Broilers" (chickens raised for meat) are kept in tens of thousands in dark, airless sheds, and often fed antibiotics to keep them alive. Selective breeding causes them to grow abnormally large in a very short time, and many become so crippled that they cannot access food or water. Most live for just 42 days before being trucked to slaughter.

"Dairy" Cows and Bobby Calves

Most cows used to produce milk for humans are artificially impregnated each year, and their calves

are stolen from them within 24 hours of birth. Many of these "waste products" of the dairy industry are soon sent to slaughter. The abnormally large volume of milk that "dairy" cows are made to produce takes a toll and many are slaughtered at 3-5 years of age.

Live Exports

Conditions on live export ships are so appalling that tens of thousands of sheep and cattle die in transit each year. Deaths are due to starvation, disease, suffocation and crush injuries. Sheep from Tasmania are exported live via the mainland.

Animals as "Clothing"

Millions of furred animals including minks, possums, and kangaroos are killed each year on fur farms and in the wild to be stripped of their fur to be worn in the name of fashion.



Superfine merino sheep in

The widespread use of animal skins ("leather", "sheepskin") and wool involves the cruel exploitation and brutal death of many thousands of non-human animals, such as cattle, sheep, and kangaroos.

Animals in "Entertainment"

Rodeos

Rodeos expose many bulls, horses and calves to abuse and exploitation. Injuries and deaths are typical of the exploitative rodeo industry, whose only motivation is to make money at the expense of innocent animals.



Bull struggling with a broken back at a rodeo

Circuses and Zoos

Circuses and Zoos typically involve taking wild creatures and putting them in cages for the rest of their miserable lives. With their freedom stolen from

Membership form

Yes, I would like to join AACT and help to end the suffering of non-human animals

Name:

Address:

Phone (H):.....

(W):.....

(M):.....

Email:

Member fee: \$25/yr

Key areas of interest:

Signature:

Date:

I would like to receive my newsletter via email or post (tick appropriate box)

Please forward with cheque/money order to:

Against Animal Cruelty Tasmania
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Or make a direct payment to:

BSB no: 633 000

Account no: 122060924

(Please ensure your name is entered as the transaction reference for direct deposit then post this form to us, or scan and email)

