

Coordinator's Corner

Chris Simcox

AACT is continuing to work hard for all non-human animals in Tasmania. We try to take our efforts to where they are needed but, sadly, exploitation of non-human animals is rife within these borders. We need virtually to be everywhere at once and yet clearly this is physically not possible. We therefore try to direct our efforts to where they will be most effective.

We are a not-for-profit group and we rely on volunteers to get our message out. This limitation means that we can only respond to a certain number of situations within the capacity of our active membership. We would like to do more but it requires that more people do something. If you are passionate about something that you know is wrong, and want to change it, then contact us and find out what can be done.

Since our last newsletter we have been campaigning against wildlife killing seasons for native ducks, Short-tailed Shearwaters and Brown Quail. We are trying to change the culture in Tasmania that has normalised this recreational killing. We are working to instil a sense of horror and revulsion at this "killing for fun" attitude in order to create a change in perception within the wider community. We hope eventually to convince the powers-that-be to end the killing.

We recently had success with improved community attitudes to wildlife at cemeteries and on golf courses. Llanherne Golf Club decided to shelve plans for lethal control of Native Hens on their course and adopt a more tolerant approach to living with them instead after criticism from AACT and local residents. In response to public outcry over plans to kill wildlife at Kingston Cemetery, Millingtons took the bold step of cancelling the shooting and meeting with AACT to discuss alternatives. These are positive moves that bode well for better future relations between

humans and wild creatures.

We are currently forging ahead with plans for our premier event AnimalFest on October 1st. If you have skills to offer, either in preparation, or on the day, please contact us. We would be very happy to hear from you as we really want this to be bigger and better than anything we have done before.

Our management committee has changed a recently with both Suzanne Cass and Melegueta Mattay departing. A very big thankyou to them both for all the time gave and dedication they showed.

Please consider making a bequest to AACT in your will. A bequest is a way to see that your support for non-human animals continues well into the future.

If you are wondering what you can personally do to help non-human animals, phone or email us and we are more than happy to give you a few ideas. You might be surprised at how much you can do by giving a small amount of your spare time. Make a point of making a difference in the lives of non-human animals every day.

AACT Committee

Chris Simcox - Coordinator

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Upcoming Events

AACT Tin Shake 29th July. Please sign up now to collect in our big annual fundraiser. Collectors needed all over Tasmania.

AnimalFest—1st October. AACT's premier event of the year promises to be more fun and exciting than ever before. Watch for more details.

Shocking Live Export Investigation (continued from p1)

Australia (MLA) and LiveCorp in Indonesia has actually contributed to and facilitated brutal treatment of Australian cattle.

The evidence gathered against Australia's live trade during the recent Indonesian investigation and in the Middle East in the eight years prior is damning. No amount of profit, no amount of excuses can justify Australia's continued involvement in live animal export — the associated cruelty inflicted on animals — and the message that we are sending to other nations as to what is acceptable treatment of animals.

When Australia's live trade was exposed as supplying cattle to Egypt in the full knowledge that it was routine practice for cattle to have their leg tendons slashed to disable them prior to slaughter — the Federal Government should have ended the trade then and there. This further evidence of Australian interests knowingly supplying animals to even worse abuse in Indonesia demands that the Federal Government acts now.

In a historic union — Australia's two peak animal welfare bodies RSPCA Australia and Animals Australia have joined forces to demand the Gillard Government immediately halt the live trade to Indonesia and then announce an end date for live animal export. If you care about animals then please add your voice and help us end this cruel trade once and for all.

The Indonesian investigation

In March 2011, Animals Australia visited 11 abattoirs to document the treatment and slaughter of Australian cattle in four Indonesian cities. RSPCA Australia conducted a scientific assessment of the investigation (available for download at www.banliveexport.com).

Evidence from this investigation revealed that Australian cattle are being routinely brutalised and, in the worst cases, tortured prior to slaughter on a nightly basis in Indonesia.

Of the 50 slaughters observed:

- every slaughter facility breached international animal welfare guidelines
- most animals were subjected to abuse through eye gouging, kicking, tail twisting and even tail breaking
- cattle experienced an average of 11 cuts to the throat with one animal having his throat cut 33 times
- half of all Australian animals observed showed signs of consciousness more than 1.5 minutes after their throat was cut; and
- one animal with a broken leg was tortured for 26 minutes before being killed.

Most alarming, is that Australia is aiding and abetting this cruelty through taxpayer-funded equipment being installed in Indonesia — equipment that is internationally condemned as being inhumane. Restraint boxes installed in Indonesia by Meat and Livestock Australia and LiveCorp have been condemned by the world's leading slaughter expert Professor Temple Grandin as “breaching every humane standard all around the world,” and “absolutely atrocious and unacceptable”.

Evidence gathered once again reveals the willingness of Australia's live export industry to supply animals no matter how brutally they will be treated, and even to actively contribute to and facilitate brutal treatment by supplying inhumane equipment.

This is not an industry worthy of Australian government support. The RSPCA and Animals Australia are demanding that the Gillard Government announce an immediate halt to the trade to Indonesia and an end date for all live animal exports.

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Shocking Live Export Investigation (continued from p3)

Watch the investigation report documentary (accessible at www.banliveexport.com)

AACT Now

Write to the Prime Minister Julia Gillard and tell her to end live exports immediately:

www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm

PO Box 6022, House of Representatives, Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600

Write to Senator Joe Ludwig, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and tell him to end live exports:

senator.ludwig@aph.gov.au

GPO Box 2477, Brisbane Qld 4001

Write to or ring your local MP and express your disgust about this brutal and cruel industry and ask that it be stopped now.



AACTivities Report

Salamanca Market Stall-

AACT continues to have a presence at the Greens Salamanca Market stall on a monthly basis. The stall is always full of informative material and interesting items for sale. We are keen to get some extra help to keep the stall going so please tell us if you can lend a hand for an hour or two.

Killing at cemeteries and golf courses

We have taken on the cemetery and golf course killing and won (see Coordinators Corner). This is largely due to the outcry from concerned members of the public. Thankyou!

Updates on AACT's current campaigns:

1. Exposing institutionalised animal cruelty:

AACT has been getting the *Ban Factory Farming* billboard and the new *Stop Animal Testing* billboard into prominent locations, particularly in the north of the State. Paying for advertising space to keep the billboards displayed is quite costly. Please consider a donation to AACT to help continue getting these important message where they can be seen.

2. Raising awareness of the ongoing

Tasmanian war on wildlife:

The campaigns against duck, quail and shearwater killing have been in full swing. Check this issue for updates and take a look at our website for more details. We continue to fight against the ongoing wildlife carnage.

Coming Events

See page 2 for details of what is coming up, as well as looking at our website and Facebook page. We will also send out email alerts for upcoming events. We ask members to refer to the "What's On" section of our website, as other actions may arise at short notice, in response to media reports or new animal rights issues that come to light.

With the support of members, AACT looks forward to advocating on behalf of and furthering the compassionate and respectful treatment of all non-human animals.

We always welcome input and participation from our members in AACTivities and this is especially important as we plan future events. If you would like to volunteer on our stall for any event, please contact AACT on 0408 970 359 or email info@aact.org.au.

A Factual Imbalance

Clare Knight

In our every day lives we learn, we seek out knowledge, read books, ask questions and listen to others telling us how “it” is. But, how often do we question the content of our knowledge? And when we do, are we simply seeking out more facts to help us come to a decision on the knowledge we have sought? Invariably, we have come to rely upon facts to be the foundation and often, the entire content of the choices we make, from the smallest of detail to life itself.

This can be frustrating as facts don't always appear when and as we need them, even with the help of modern technology that has us swimming in more facts than ever before, that's if you have the patience to wade through and find the one you are content with.

Where do facts come from? Largely, in one form or another, facts are scientifically based and we have come to 'need' science so badly in westernised societies, we can't seem to see a way with out it. What do the majority of us that don't have the scientific brain to fully appreciate and understand these facts do? Is it possible we simply rely on the likes of industries and other professionals to tell us what we should believe? Why do we place the highest of importance on facts? Could it be we are fearful of what might happen to us if we don't have them, or on the flip-side, is it a way to justify ignorance - “I don't know the facts, so I cant actually do anything about

that problem”.

How many of us actually enjoy researching and reading facts? I, for one, certainly don't call it one of my favourite activities! Imagine if we were to let go of that invisible string that attaches what we simply must know purely to a fact, and then we create a new one, imagine the different journey that could be embarked upon, one of truth, enthusiasm and utter joy perhaps? But what is that, what do we replace the facts with? Or, should it be more about balance? The following is excerpt from Jonathan Safran-Foers book “Eating Animals” explains exactly what I am on about.

“Facts are important – but they don't, on their own, provide meaning – especially when they are bound to linguistic choices. What does a precisely measured pain response in a chicken mean? does it mean pain? what does pain mean? No matter how much we learn about the physiology of pain – how long it persists, the symptoms it produces, and so forth – none of it will tell us anything definitive. But place facts in a story, a story of compassion or domination or both – place them in a story about the world we live in and who we are and who we want to be – and you can begin to speak meaningfully about eating animals”.

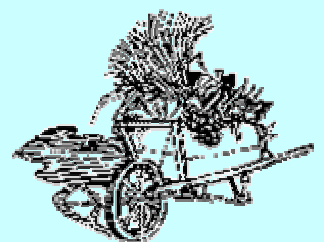
Or you can begin to speak meaningfully about the very essence of life itself.

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Connect to Fish

Clare Knight, AACT Aquatic Animal Campaigner

Fish are what they are, fish! – but do we *really* know what that is? For centuries there has been a misconception about these animals, (yes they are animals) simply because they live and breathe water, so we took it upon ourselves and assumed they did not feel pain, fear, happiness or be able to perform mental tasks – we even made an assumption that they had a 3 second memory!

We have found every way possible to drag them from their aquatic homes. No matter where that may be, we'll find them and rip them out, causing them immense pain and suffering - and destruction to entire aquatic ecosystems along the way.

We've begun mass farming them in underwater cages, we use them for "sport", we keep them locked up as pets, we experiment on them and we eat them for the mere taste or because we're told its healthy to do so.

It doesn't matter what the reason, the facts are overwhelming us now, that fish do have the ability to feel pain and can most certainly suffer, so we should not be deliberately causing them

pain. Studies proved years ago that fish have these abilities plus more - they can communicate with each other, make tools, teach friends, learn through trial and error, they can complete mental tasks too complex for dogs, and they are steeped in social intelligence. Perhaps this has been difficult to come to terms with because if we know they suffer, we must change the way we treat them.



The blue throat wrasse is targeted in Tasmania and used in live fish trade to Asia, Sydney and Melbourne. Photo courtesy Jon Bryan.

Humanity needs to take a moment and think about fish and their individuality, what we do know about them and how much we don't know. The time has come for us to connect to fish, for moral reasons, and because we as earthlings, are all connected. Oxford scientist Dr Donald Broom, scientific adviser to the British government says - "The scientific literature is clear. Anatomically, physiologically, and biologically, the pain system in fish is virtually the same as in birds and mammals."

Connect to fish, and help others do the same.

The Abolitionist Approach in a Nutshell

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Dear Colleagues:

As long as we think the issue is the treatment of animals, we will seek to make that treatment more "humane." But because animals are property, that goal is unreachable as a practical matter. The treatment of animals will *always* constitute torture under the most "humane" circumstances. And the "treatment" (or welfarist) approach ignores that it is morally wrong to kill animals even if we treat them "humanely," which we cannot do anyway. Welfare "reforms" not only fail to provide any significant protection for animals; such reforms actually make matters worse because they encourage the public to feel more comfortable about animal exploitation and to continue to consume animals and animal products. The problem is *use*, not treatment. The goal is to *abolish* animal use, not to regulate treatment. The means to the goal? Go vegan and educate others about veganism.

If you are not vegan, go vegan. It's easy; it's better for your health and for the planet. But, most important, it's the morally right thing to do. You will never do anything else in your life as easy and satisfying.

[The World is Vegan! If you want it.](http://www.TheWorldisVegan.com)

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Wildlife Killing Seasons Wrap-up

Chris Simcox

The killing seasons for native ducks, short-tailed shearwaters and native quail have finished for another year. The bloodshed has ended and tens of thousands of native birds are dead. That means these species get a respite, but only until next year. If we combine forces and act now we may be able to avert future killing.



It is a sad indictment of a Government when it continues to allow these killing seasons despite the cruelty involved, and despite such seasons contributing to large declines in bird numbers. Other States have banned duck and quail shooting and nowhere else in Australia are shearwaters able to be legally killed. We are continuing to campaign for an end to all killing seasons in Tasmania.

Minister Brian Wightman has the power to decide whether these seasons are declared again in 2012. We have just met with him and planted the seeds of suggestion that these killing seasons be stopped forthwith. If he is convinced that the community is outraged by this "killing for fun" attitude then he

can be persuaded to end it. Write to him, or better still, ask to meet with him and voice your opposition. Now is a good time to do it, and it is a chance to make a difference.

What you do today will impact on what happens tomorrow. Make today the day you make the decisive step of changing the mind of a politician. This one act could potentially save the lives of many thousands.

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Speaking Vegetarian

Towards Nonspeciesist Language

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Making Language Fairer toward All Animals

Does language need to change to become fairer for all animals, nonhuman and human? If so, what needs to be changed and how can these changes come about? Jane Goodall, the world-famous researcher of the lives of chimpanzees and other nonhuman animals, provides an example of needed changes and how they can be made. In her 1990 book *Through a Window*, Goodall recounts that in the early 1960s, when she started her research in Africa, scientists in her field gave numbers, not names, to the chimpanzees they were studying. When Goodall submitted her first scientific paper for publication, the editor returned it to her to be amended. Everywhere that she had written *he* or *she* to refer to a chimpanzee, the word had been replaced with *it*. Similarly, every *who* had been replaced with *which*. In an effort to rescue the chimpanzees from 'thing-ness' and restore them to 'being-ness,' Goodall stubbornly changed the words back, and, in the end, she won.

In the area of the connection between language and humans' views of other animals, the key book is *Animal Equality: Language and Liberation* by Joan Dunayer (2001). This book presents a catalogue of changes that need to be made in many realms of language use, such as hunting, research using nonhuman animals, and, of course, using nonhuman animals for food. Tables 1 and 2 presented later in this paper are based on Dunayer's work.

Speciesist and Nonspeciesist Language

Dunayer uses the term *speciesist* for beliefs and language and other practices that do not treat nonhuman animals with the same respect accorded to humans or that in other ways differentiate among species of sentient beings in a way that signals members of some species are lesser than others. Table 1 describes speciesist language in the sphere of vocabulary. Table 2 provides examples of speciesist language in the spheres of grammar and usage. In each table, the first column contains speciesist language, the second column contains nonspeciesist alternatives, and the third column contains sentences that provide first speciesist and then nonspeciesist examples of the language element depicted in that row. Explanations accompany language items in columns one and two.

Table 1. Examples of speciesist and nonspeciesist vocabulary (based on Dunayer, 2001)
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2011 AACT Tin Shake

29th July - At locations across Tasmania

We need your help to collect important funds to maintain a voice, and provide ongoing advocacy, for all non-human animals in Tasmania. Put aside an hour or two to help AACT raise money for those who need us. Register today: 0408 970 359 or info@AACT.org.au

Speciesist Vocabulary (with	Vegetarian Vocabulary	Examples
<i>Anything</i> (nonhuman animals are seen as things)	<i>Anyone, anybody</i> (nonhuman animals are sentient beings)	There are many crows and other birds in that tree. If a bullet is fired into the tree, <u>anything</u> could be hit and die. There are many crows and other birds in that tree. If a bullet is fired into the tree, <u>anyone/anybody</u> could be hit and die.
<i>It</i> (nonhuman animals are sexless things)	<i>She, he, they, he or she</i> (NHAs have sexual characteristics, just like humans)	When an <u>animal</u> is ill, take <u>it</u> to a veterinarian. When a <u>nonhuman animal</u> is ill, take <u>them/her or him</u> to a veterinarian.
<i>Which</i> (<i>which</i> is used for NHAs, plants, and objects)	<i>Who</i> (<i>who</i> is used with sentient beings)	The monkeys <u>which</u> live near the temple are a gregarious lot. The monkeys <u>who</u> live near the temple are a gregarious lot.
<i>Animals, dumb animals, lower animals</i> (separates humans from other animals and other animals from each other in a prejudicial or hierarchical way)	<i>Nonhuman animals, other animals, fellow animals, nonhuman persons</i> (links humans and other animals as one group of sentient beings)	Vegetarianism is better for human health and the health of <u>animals</u> . Vegetarianism is better for human health and the health of our <u>fellow animals</u> .
<i>Animal instinct</i> (suggests that useful behaviors of NHAs are not the result of intelligence)	<i>Instinct, intelligence</i> (stresses that some similarities exist between human mental capacity and that of other animals)	The clever behaviors of the crow are based on <u>animal instinct</u> . The clever behaviors of the crow are based on <u>intelligence</u> .
<i>Higher animals</i> (implies that some animals are superior to others and have superior claim to rights)	<i>Mammals, vertebrates</i> (a physiological classification, not a value judgment)	Gorillas are one of the <u>higher animals</u> which eat a vegetarian or largely vegetarian diet. Gorillas are one of the <u>vertebrates</u> who eat a vegetarian or largely vegetarian
<i>Inhumane</i> (implies that humans are the only typically kind animal and that cruelty is normal for other animals)	<i>Cruel</i> (doesn't accord humans special status)	Factory farm owners are <u>inhumane</u> to keep animals in cages so small that they can't even turn around. Factory farm owners are <u>cruel</u> to keep animals in cages so small that they can't even turn around.
<i>Sire, gestation, feed on</i> (separate terms for NHAs)	<i>Father, pregnancy, eat</i> (same terms for humans and NHAs)	Whether the mother is a Great Dane, or a tiny Chihuahua, the <u>gestation</u> period is the same, approximately nine weeks. Whether the mother is a Great Dane, or a tiny Chihuahua, the <u>pregnancy</u> period is the same, approximately nine weeks.
<i>Aquarium animal, zoo animal</i> (don't call aquariums and zoos what they really are)	<i>Aquaprison inmate, zoo inmate</i> (call aquariums and zoos what they really are)	One of the <u>zoo animals</u> , an orangutan, just gave birth. Will the baby be returned to the wild? One of the <u>zoo inmates</u> , an orangutan name Myrtle, just gave birth. Will the baby be returned to the wild?
<i>Euthanize, put down</i> (euphemisms; soft words for hard deeds)	<i>Kill, murder</i> (reflects what too often happens when NHAs are used in research)	After the experiment, the researchers <u>euthanized</u> the chimp, because it was in a great deal of pain, pain that the experimenters had caused. After the experiment, the researchers <u>killed</u> the chimp, because she was in a great deal of pain, pain that the experimenters had caused.
<i>Abattoir, meat-packing plant, processing plant</i> (conceals the facility's main purpose from an NHA perspective)	<i>Slaughterhouse</i> (from an NHA perspective, clearly names what the facility does)	The broilers were taken to the <u>meat-packing plant</u> for processing. The Tyson employees took the captive chickens to the <u>slaughterhouse</u> .
<i>beef, pork, giblets, foie gras, veal</i> (disguises the food's origins)	<i>Cow flesh, pig flesh, bird organs, goose or duck liver, calf flesh</i> (candid, out-in-the-open name)	Tender white <u>veal</u> lightly breaded and pan fried, served with a romaine onion salad and <u>foie gras</u> . Tender white <u>calf flesh</u> lightly breaded and pan fried, served with a romaine onion salad and <u>goose liver</u> .
Hedging when attributing emotions and thought to NHAs (implies NHAs don't have emotions and thoughts)		The pigs <u>appeared</u> to be scared, and they seemed to be thinking of a way to escape. The pigs <u>were</u> scared, and they were thinking of a way to escape.

Cruelty Free Recipe

Mushroom Pecan Burgers

Ingredients

685g cremini mushrooms
 ½ cup fresh parsley
 2 Tbs olive oil
 2 large onions finely chopped
 3 large garlic cloves minced
 1 ½ to 2 cups bread crumbs or cracker meal
 3 Tbs tahini
 2 Tbs hoisin sauce
 ¾ cup toasted pecans or walnuts chopped
 3 Tbs tamari soy sauce
 1 tsp dried oregano
 ½ tsp dried sage
 salt & ground pepper to taste

Method

In a food processor, mince mushrooms and parsley. Remove and set aside. In a saute pan over medium

heat, warm 1 Tbs olive oil and cook onions and garlic for 5 to 6 min. Transfer onion mixture to large size bowl and combine minced mushrooms and parsley, bread crumbs, tahini, hoisin sauce, chopped nuts, tamari, oregano, sage, salt and pepper. Place mixture in fridge for at least half an hour. Mixture will be soft, but you should be able to form patties. Add additional bread crumbs or tahini, if needed. Create patties using your hands. In a saute pan, warm remaining 1 Tbs oil, fry patties over medium heat for 3 to 5 min on each side, until lightly browned and crispy. Be careful to keep patties intact.

Serving variations

Instead of making patties, roll into small balls and lightly saute in pan. Alternatively put mixture into loaf pan and bake at 180 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Enjoy!

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