

TSCF ETHICAL CODE FOR ANIMALS

1. Animals and Humans are on an equality basis. There is no difference of nature between Animal life and Human life.
2. Animals have Rights, and these Rights have to be respected by Humans.
3. Animal Rights include the right to live, to reproduce, and to satisfy their overall needs.
4. All Animals have the right to live with their offspring, families, tribes or communities, and maintain a natural social life. They have the right to live in their natural environment, grow to a rhythm natural to their Species, and maintain a life that corresponds to their natural longevity.
5. All Animals have the right to be free, to live their lives on their own terms, as intended by nature. They are to be free from hunger, thirst, and malnutrition; physical discomfort and exhaustion; confinement against their will, bad treatment, abusive or cruel actions; pain, injury and disease; fear and distress; and free to express their normal patterns of behavior.
6. Any act which compromises the wellbeing or survival of an Animal or Species, or jeopardizes, contradicts, or deprives an Animal or Species of the Rights listed above, should be deemed a crime, and be punished accordingly.

7. All Animals, be they domestic, stray, feral, or wild, enjoy the same Rights. Stray and feral Animals are placed under the responsibility of the community, in particular the community of the neighbors. The community should be democratically consulted before any decision involving these Animals, with overwhelming weight on the actual caregivers.

8. Animals are no things, and should not be subject to trade, sale, purchase, or financial evaluation. Animals are not the property or commodity of Humans, and are not theirs to use for their benefit or sustenance. Ownership of a domestic Animal is primarily an emotional relationship between the Human and the Animal.

9. Animals are to be free from slavery, exploitation, oppression, victimization, brutality, abuse, and any other treatment that disregards their safety and own will. They should not be slaughtered for food, killed for their skins, experimented on, killed for religious purposes, used for forced labor, abused for sport and entertainment, hunted, persecuted or exterminated for Human pleasure, need, or other ends.

10. Animals who have died must be treated with respect and dignity, as Humans are.

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