Tt's wonderful to be here. In 1986 **⊥** when the Farm Sanctuary was established, I didn't know much about what was happening to animals raised for food; so I began to visit farms to see firsthand what was happening. In some cases, animals were tossed in trash cans while still alive, or they were left to die on piles of dead animals. So we began to rescue them by taking them home and caring for them. Now we have two farms-in New York and in Orland, California—for animals to live out their lives and as sanctuaries for people who care about animals. On our farms, animals are our friends, not our food. We are trying to reshape how cows, pigs, and other farm animals are perceived in our society, that they're not just commodities to be exploited for their flesh.

When the animals first arrive at the Farm Sanctuary, they are frightened because all they have known is cruelty. Their cages were often so small that they couldn't even turn around. For example, if they were chickens used in egg production, they couldn't even stretch their wings and they were constantly rubbing against the cage bars which caused them to develop open sores. Initially the animals are afraid of people. But over time, when they are treated with kindness, they learn to trust again and become friendly. As the animals' lives change and are transformed, our lives are changed and transformed as well. It's a beautiful thing to see fear turn into something different—into empathy, compassion, understanding, and peace. So that's what the Farm Sanctuary strives to create.

We specifically focus on farm animals because they are among the



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救護最受虐待 被遺忘的動物

Rescuing the Most Abused, and Forgotten Animals



榮幸能來到這兒。回溯至 1986年,當我們開始經 營動物保護區的時候,我實在不 太了解這些農場動物是怎麼被對 待的;所以我開始造訪農場,發 現了那些被飼養來做食物的牛、 豬和其他動物的第一手資訊。在 某些狀況下,有的動物是活生生 地被丢在拉圾箱裏面,或者混在 一堆死的動物裏頭等死。所以我 們就開始拯救牠們,把牠們帶回 家照顧。我們現在有兩個農場, 一個在紐約州,另外一個在加州 的奧里蘭。動物可以在這個地方 活到自然死亡,因此它不但是個 動物保護區,也是一個愛護動物 者的保護區。在我們農場(動物 保護區)裏,動物是朋友而非食 物。我們試圖重塑牛、豬和其他 動物是社會一份子的觀念,因為 牠們一直只被看做要被宰來吃的

往往動物第一次抵達農場(動 物保護區)時,牠們都很驚嚇; 因為牠們都早已認知,牠們只能 活到被宰殺為止的這種宿命。有 時候牠們被關在非常小的籠子裏 面,甚至無法轉身。舉個例子, 譬如牠們是用來生產雞蛋的雞, 那牠們的翅膀甚至永遠都沒有機 會伸展;只能不停地磨擦籠子的 鐵棍,致使身上有很多受傷的地 方。起初牠們非常害怕人,後來 由於受到慈愛的照顧,牠們學會 再度信任人,也變得很友善。當 動物的生活開始改變重塑之際, 我們人的生活也同樣改變了。能 看到由害怕轉變成同情、慈悲、 瞭解和和平,這是一件美好的 事;這就是動物保護區所要戮力 創造的。

在這個動物保護區裏面,我們 特別著重救護的對象是一般農場 生產的動物;因為在我們這個世 界上,牠們是最悽慘、最受虐待

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most neglected, abused, and forgotten animals in the world, treated with absolute disregard. Cruelty for animals is bad for animals, but it's also bad for us. When you visit most farms, you see not only sick and unhealthy animals, but also unhappy people as well. It's a whole system we are trying to change.

The fundamental problem is that these animals are not seen as living and feeling creatures. Rather, they are seen as merely units of production, as commodities, or as pieces of meat. When I visited the stockyards in farms, I could see that the animals were afraid by looking at their expressions, but I noticed how the workers would not look at the animals. They didn't see the expressions of fear or pain in the animals' eyes because they didn't look into the animals' eyes at all. The slaughterhouse workers were living in denial that these animals are living creatures with feelings. Instead, the workers looked at the body parts, such as the muscles that were to be cut up and turned into meat.

There is a disregard for the sentience of the animals; there is the "commodification" of sentient life where living creatures are seen as merely commodities. This sort of careless attitude toward animals spreads: disrespecting animals closes down our hearts and affects our environment. The carelessness also spreads to disrespecting other people. Today we have a system where animals are abused, the environment is destroyed, workers are mistreated, and consumers are sold diseased meat. It's legal for diseased animals to enter the food supply in the United States—although we unsuccessfully tried to take the U.S. Department of Agriculture to court to prevent it. So the disrespect for animals translates into disrespect for consumers who are buying these diseased products and in some cases getting sick.

Annually, the largest numbers of farm animals slaughtered in the United States are chickens raised for their flesh. Two distinct breeds of chickens are raised in the U.S.: meat chickens and



的,也是最被遺忘的一群。牠們被忽視了!因此當這些動物被忽視之時,同樣地這種忽略也反應在我們人類的身上。殘殺動物固然對動物不好,但是也對我們不好。當你去那些農場,除了看到生病和不健康的動物,也會看到在農場那些人也是很不快樂的——所以這整個體制就是我們試圖想改善的。

根本的問題在於這些動物並不被看做是有情生物。牠們被看做貨物,屬於生產的一種單元,只是一塊肉。在我去參觀這些農場的儲貨場時,看到這些動物非常害怕,牠們害怕這種神情現在牠們的眼睛裏。而農場和屠宰場的工作人員並不去看這些動物的眼睛,他們看不到牠們的害怕和痛苦。牠們生活在一個不被當作有情生物的境遇中;換言之,農場的工作人員通常只去看這些動物的身體部分,他們直接看著牠們身上的肌肉——那是將來要被割下來擺在市場上賣的肉。

所以這就是不尊重動物的感情。在這些把有情生命當貨品賣的地方,生物只被當作商品。若以這樣忽視的態度來對待其他動物,這種忽視態度會擴大:結果會關閉我們的心,影響到環境,還會擴大到不尊重其他的人。今天我們有一個虐待動物的系統,整個環境也受到污染,員工被忽略,有病的肉類被賣給消費者。在美國把有病的動物擺到市場做食物賣是合法的,雖然我們曾試著去告美國食品局以期防堵,可是卻沒辦法防止這種事,所以把有病的肉類當食物賣還是被准許的。對那些不尊重動物也不尊重消費者的人而言,他們買了這些污染的食品,自己因此也生病了。

在美國每一年被送往屠宰場的最大宗的物品是肉雞。在美國和整個世界上,所飼養的雞分為兩種,肉雞和蛋雞。肉雞已藉由基因改造,被喂養成兩倍大,養起來也比一般的雞快兩倍;而蛋雞藉由基因改造,被喂養成能夠生很多蛋,所以牠們不會長得很大,也不會長得很快。因此在雞蛋孵化場,他們就只孵育生蛋的母雞。雞卵解出來的雞是有公的和母的。母的被養大成生蛋的母雞,牠們生活在一個叫做「電池盒」的小籠頭選要小。牠們被關在籠子裏大約一年以後,牠們蛋蛋,就被殺了。而公雞既永遠不會生蛋的,又長不大也長不快,所以牠們從蛋裏孵出來的那一天,事實上就被殺掉了。我曾經在雞蛋孵化場的垃圾箱,看到成千上萬才出生就被遺棄

egg-laying chickens. The meat chickens have been genetically bred to grow twice as large and twice as fast as normal chickens. The egg-laying chickens have been genetically bred to produce lots of eggs, but they don't grow large and don't grow fast. In the hatchery where the egglaying hens are hatched, there are both male and female chicks. The female chicks are selected and then raised to become egg-laying hens. For about a year, each hen will live in small battery cages with less space than a sheet of notebook paper. If her egg production drops off after a year, then she is killed. But at the hatchery, the male chicks will never lay eggs and can't be raised profitably for meat because they don't grow fast or large. The male chicks are killed on the day they hatch. I've seen trash cans full of thousands of these unwanted day-old male chicks. I've even seen the chicks thrown into a manure spreader to be spread on the field like manure.

The meat-type chickens grow so fast that their hearts and lungs have a hard time supporting their growth rate. Annually, millions of them die of heart attack just a couple of weeks old. The industry is still profitable because more than 9 billion chickens are raised for their flesh annually; so it's still profitable to lose millions—or even hundreds of millions—if you have billions that are growing twice as fast as normal.

In the U.S., approximately 10 billions farm animals are raised and slaughtered annually, of which some 9.5 billions are chickens. But other animals are also mistreated, including pigs. Most pigs live indoor, standing on concrete floors, unable to go outside to root in the soil and to do what pigs would normally do. Animals are not allowed to engage in basic natural behaviors: if they are grass-eating animals, they are not allowed to eat grass outdoors. If they are chickens or other birds, they are not allowed to scratch the soil or root in the soil, or to perch naturally. Pigs are not allowed to develop normal relationship with fellow pigs. In nature, when pigs give birth, they would build the nest and mother pigs would raise their young cooperatively in groups.

But in factory farms, the breeding pigs are kept in two-foot-wide crates for most of their lives. Before giving birth, they are put in another crate with little extra space on the side for the piglets. The mother and the piglets never interact in natural ways. The piglets are taken away at three weeks old, and the mother is re-impregnated and returns to another two-foot-wide crate. She lives her entire life between the gestation crate for pregnancy of her gestation period and farrowing crate where she gives birth—this goes on for a few years. Sadly, the farm animals are not allowed to engage in basic natural behaviors and are treated like commodities.

Dairy cows also suffer greatly to produce milk. For a cow to produce milk, she has to be impregnated and give birth to a calf. If the calf is female, then she will be kept and raised to become a milking calf. But if the calf is male, he is useless to the dairy industry. The male calf is taken away from the dairy farm immediately at birth and raised for veal. Veal is a product developed to take advantage of a plentiful supply of unwanted male calves born on dairy farms. Calves are chained by 的公雞;有時我也看過這些雞被丟進肥料再 製機,去再製成農場的肥料。

肉雞被養得又快又大,以致牠們的心臟跟 肺有時就無法負荷這種成長速度,每一年有 幾百萬隻雞在兩個星期大就死於心臟病。可 是對他們的工業來講還是有賺頭的,因為他 們每年要養超過九十億隻肉雞;如果你有幾 十億長得比普通雞快兩倍的肉雞,每年失去 幾百萬、甚至幾億隻雞,還是有利潤的。

在美國每年有一百億隻農場動物被飼養 和屠殺,其中就有九十五億是雞,但是包 括豬在內的其他動物同樣過得很悽慘。豬 都被關在室內,站在水泥地上;從來沒有辦 法做豬通常愛做的事,去接觸外面的大自然 和土壤。這些動物不被允許做牠們自己天生 的習性:如果牠們是草原動物,牠們不許可 到外面去吃草;如果牠們是雞或其他鳥類, 牠們不許可接觸土壤、棲立樹上或像普通雞 或鳥一般棲息。就拿豬來說,牠們不被允許 和其他的豬接觸。在自然的環境下,當豬生 產時,會築一個窩,母豬就一次養一大群小 豬。

可是在今日這種工業生產的豬寮裏面, 在母豬生產前,他們把母豬挪到另一個稍微 寬敞的板條箱,以便旁邊可以容納小豬,因 此母豬和小豬們從來沒有機會自然的相處。 小小豬生下來才三個禮拜,就被拿走;而母 豬又重新懷孕,回到另一個兩尺寬的板條箱 去。所以它的一輩子就在懷孕待產期的板條 箱和擁擠的板條箱之間挪移;母豬不斷的來 來回回板條箱之間,這樣子生活了幾年。牠 從未有機會站在土壤上,也從未有機會過豬 想過的生活方式。牠從未有機會在池塘裏打 滾,或者做任何豬通常會做的事。那這樣子 幾年以後,牠也就沒有辦法再生了,就被殺 死了,這是很可悲的事實。大部分工業國家 的農場動物,其自然的根本習性都被抹殺掉 了,牠們只被當作貨品看待。

乳牛也是遭受了很大的痛苦來生產牛奶。 為了要一頭母牛生產牛奶,母牛必須不斷的 懷孕以便生小牛。如果生下來的小牛是母 的,就會被養大來做乳牛;如果小牛是公 的,那對奶製品工業就沒有用處。這些小公 牛往往被從奶製品農場帶走,為了做犢牛肉 而來養大。牛犢肉這種產品,事實上是為了

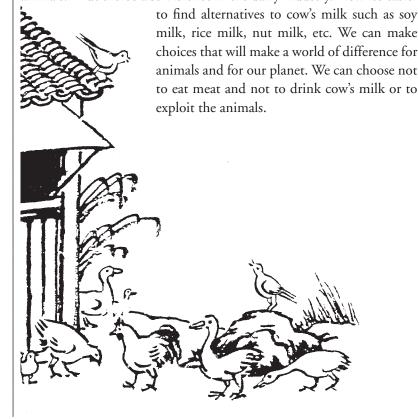
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the neck at small wooden crates where they will spend their whole lives until slaughter at 20 weeks of age.

The female calves are also taken away from mothers at birth and raised in small crates for the first couple months. Then they are put in larger pens as they get bigger. They are usually impregnated at 15 months old, which is very young. They start giving birth at two years old. Then they enter the milk-production cycle. Dairy cows are impregnated annually to remain profitable. Each year they have a calf taken away and they are pushed to produce as much as 10 times more milk than they would in nature. The cows are under extreme stress just to produce that much milk, and the stress is worsened by being pregnant during much of the lactation cycle. The animals are pushed hard and their bodies become worn out soon; they are sent to slaughter after only three to four years in milk production.

In a healthy environment, a calf can live for 20 years. The cows become so worn out that sometimes they can't even walk and are called "downed animals." They are dragged down the truck with chains or pushed with forklifts to be taken to slaughter. When dairy cows are considered no longer productive, they are sent to slaughter. A lot of beef comes from worn-out dairy cows. So the dairy cows are worse than other farm animals: they are exploited for several years for milk production and then ultimately become meat.

What I have said may be upsetting. But it's important to know what happens to animals so that we can make informed choices. Many people become vegetarians because they abhor the violence of killing animals. But there's also violence in the dairy industry. Now it's easier



剝削那些大量出生在奶製品農場而無法可用 的小牛而發展出來的。這些小牛一生下來馬 上被帶離母親身邊,被關在小小的木製板條 箱裏,牠們就這樣過完短暫的一生,直到二 十個禮拜大時,就被宰殺了。

小母牛也是一生下來馬上被帶離母親身 邊,通常在頭幾個月被放在小板條箱裏養; 等到大一點,就集中在廠房。長到十五個月 -那還是很幼小——就把牠們人工受孕; 通常在兩歲大的時候,牠們就會開始生小 牛,然後牠們加入了生產牛奶周而復始的行 列。做為乳牛,牠們每年都要受孕一次,以 保持農場的利潤; 而牠們也每年都要有小牛 被帶離身邊的遭遇。這些乳牛被強迫去生產 高程度的牛奶量,通常牠們的牛奶量比一般 乳牛多了十倍。因此牠們在極大的壓力下, 去生產那麼多牛奶;而這種壓力,可能因牠 們在乳汁分泌的豐富期又再度懷孕的事實, 而更加糟糕。這些動物被高度壓榨,牠們的 身體很快就累垮了; 大約在加入生產之後的 三到四年,牠們就被送入屠宰場。

在一個健康的環境裏,一頭小牛可以活 二十年。這些乳牛累到連走都不能走了,牠們就被稱為「病倒的動物」。通常牠們被鍊 著拖進卡車或者被推到堆高機上,然後送到 屠宰場,製成人類的食品。但是即使牠們並 未變成病倒的動物,那些被認為不再具有生 產價值的乳牛,還是會被送到屠宰場去—— 有很多牛肉就是由累垮的乳牛製成的。所以 在某方面說起來,這些乳牛其實比其他農場 動物更慘;因為牠們先被壓榨幾年來生產牛 奶,最終又變成了肉類食品。

我所說的大部分內容或許令人沮喪;但是 能瞭解動物遭受到什麼樣的處境,而來決定 並堅持我們的選擇,這是非常重要的。很多 人成為素食者的原因,是因為認識這是很明 顯一種殘害動物的暴力行為。我們警覺到奶 製品工業已攬進暴力,這也是非常重要的。 現在市面上已經愈來愈容易找到很好的牛奶 替代品了,像豆奶、米漿和各類豆汁等等。 所以我們都能有一個選擇的機會,來使整個 世界為這些動物、為這個星球而有所改變。 我們可以選擇不吃肉,也能選擇不喝牛奶, 或者不去佔動物的便宜。