

# HOW YOU CAN HELP ANIMALS

## By Joining Florida Voices for Animals

As your local grassroots organization, we work specifically to provide information and act on current animal issues.

## By Becoming Informed

Know the issues. Keep informed. Stay abreast of current legislation pertinent to animals. Learn what is going on in your area by subscribing to our newsletter, becoming a member of the FVA **Meetup**, following us on **Facebook**, attending meetings and participating in activities to protect animals from cruelty.

## By Adopting A Cruelty-Free Lifestyle

To be effective voices, we must be consistent and provide others with a good example.

Change to cosmetics or household products which do not contain animal products and have not been tested on animals.

Don't wear fur, wool or leather.

Change to a vegan lifestyle, including a plant-based diet and ingest nothing from an animal. The American Heart Association recommends reduction of animal and total fat consumption to lower the risk of heart disease.

The animals need YOU!

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# How You Can Help FVA

By becoming a contributing member, you can help us grow and reach more people, thus educating others about the issues.

Members receive our quarterly newsletter and all supplementary bulletins on urgent matters. Members and non-members are welcome to attend any of our meetings and are encouraged to join our protests, tabling and other activities.

Florida Voices for Animals presents



YES I want to be a member and support FLORIDA VOICES FOR ANIMALS, Inc. Enclosed is my annual membership fee:

\$300 Lifetime       \$30 Individual  
 \$100 Patron       \$15 Student/Senior Citizen  
 \$50 Family       \$ Other

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## WHO ARE WE?

**Florida Voices for Animals, Inc.** is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers from all walks of life who are dedicated to ending the exploitation and suffering of animals.

### Our Objectives

- Expose animal abuse
- Promote healthy lifestyle and veganism ([www.TampaBayVegFest.org](http://www.TampaBayVegFest.org))
- Contribute reward money to help find and convict animal abusers
- Promote Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate & Return (TNVR) of feral cats
- Promote wildlife and habitat protection and ecological consciousness
- Distribute educational materials and video documentaries on animal abuse
- Promote consumer awareness and encourage cruelty-free living
- Promote humane and accurate, scientific alternatives to animal experiments
- Organize grassroots campaigns to mobilize animal protection actions

Animals have rights which are denied them by law and in daily life. They experience both physical pain and psychological fear and suffering. Simply because they are different from humans, they are enslaved, mutilated and slaughtered. Animals are not ours to use, abuse and discard. Dominion over animals means responsible care—not domination. Which animals suffer? Practically all of them.

### Animals for Sport and Fashion

In the name of “sport,” every year hunters kill hundreds of millions of animals, even inside wildlife refuges. Hunting weakens the genetic makeup of the species because hunters aim for the strongest and largest animals, while the natural predators seek the old and the infirm. Many species have been hunted into extinction.

Taxpayer money is spent to regulate and promote hunting and to remove from our lakes and rivers, dead waterfowl killed by poisoning from the lead shots used by bird hunters. Regulatory agencies artificially manipulate game and predator populations to serve the interests of the hunters rather than the wildlife.

For “fashion,” millions of animals suffer horribly in steel-jaw traps until the trapper comes and usually stomps them to death. At least twice as many birds, cats, dogs, possum, deer and chipmunks are caught and are discarded as “trash” animals. Even children can be victims of hunters’ traps.

Animals ranch-raised for fur live a lifetime of deprivation, isolation, boredom and confinement. They are finally killed by inhumane methods such as anal electrocution, to preserve as much of the fur as possible.

### Animals for Food

Every year in the United States, billions of cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys and other animals are confined in factory farms and slaughtered for food. Most have no space to turn around or to lie down. Baby chicks have their beaks seared off with red hot blades...pigs have their testicles cut off without painkillers...veal calves are taken from their mothers and confined to solitary darkness. In our oceans, thousands of dolphins are drowned and mutilated by tuna nets. This is just a small part of the gruesome story.

Drugs and antibiotics injected into animals eventually reach the public’s dinner plates. Eating meat unbalances our diet with excessive amounts of fat, cholesterol, pesticides, hormones and antibiotics. The European Union banned U.S. beef for purposes of protecting human health.

Vegetarian Resource Group researchers reported that it takes 16 pounds of grain to produce one pound of meat. Per Twilight Earth, it requires at least 127,500 gallons of water to bring a calf to slaughter. In an increasingly crowded world with limited resources, we need to evaluate how we use those resources.



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### Animals for Science

Vivisection, the experimentation on live animals, costs taxpayers billions of dollars yearly and 100 million animals are killed every year in search of elusive “cures.” Most of these experiments are repetitive, inaccurate, unscientific and unnecessarily cruel.

In 2011, U.S. infant mortality ranked 34th among industrialized nations. Our cancer death rates get higher as many Americans die from lack of medical care. We are behind in human longevity yet we spend more money per person for health care than any other country in the world. We must be doing something wrong in our quest for health.

Education on prevention would cost less and would also save lives. We need to take more responsibility for our own health.

Millions of animals are tortured to death to test drain cleaners, cosmetics and other household products. Product testing on animals is not required by federal law nor does it protect the consumer. Through the efforts of animal rights activists, the use of these tests is declining.