

Animal Rights Quotes

"I think the whole concept of private property as an ultimate good has got to be replaced. There's a higher good out there than private property." David Foreman, co-founder and leader of Earth First (Animal Rights Reporter, June, 1989)

"You don't have to own squirrels and starlings to get enjoyment from them... One day, we would like an end to pet shops and the breeding of animals. [Dogs] would pursue their natural lives in the wild... They would have full lives, not wasting at home for someone to come home in the evening and pet them and then sit there and watch TV."
("Where Would We Be Without Animals?", Chicago Daily Herald, March 1, 1990)

"Arson, property destruction, burglary and theft are 'acceptable crimes' when used for the animal cause." (Gazette Mail, Charleston, WV, January 15, 1989)

"If you were aboard a lifeboat with a baby and a dog, and the boat capsized, which would you rescue?" Rich's answer: "I wouldn't know for sure... I might choose the human baby or I might choose the dog." Steve Kane Show WIOD-AM Radio Miami, FL Feb, 23, 1989

"Humans are different, we are not superior. There are no clear distinctions between us and animals." in a 1990 interview Michael W. Fox, HSUS

"Don't breed dogs, don't buy, don't even accept giveaways" HSUS CEO John Hoyt in a 1991 speech.

"As long as humans have rights and non-humans do not, as is the case in the welfarist framework then non-humans will virtually always lose when their interests conflict with human interests. Thus welfare reforms, by their very nature, can only serve to retard the pace at which animal rights goals are achieved." Francione and Regan, "A Movement's Means Creates its Ends."

"Killing a defective infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person, Sometimes it is not wrong at all." Torturing a human being is almost always wrong, but it is not absolutely wrong." --Peter Singer, as quoted in Josephine Donovan, "Animal Rights and Feminist Theory,"

"We need a drastic decrease in human population if we ever hope to create a just and equitable world for animals." Freeman Wicklund, (No Compromise, September 1996)

"Every new human brought into the world is a vote for humans and a death wish for animals. Everywhere humans and animals interact, there is a river of animal blood. The more humans there are, the more blood there will be." (No Compromise, September 1996)

"[Animal] Fancies provide an escape from the real world, a sense of purpose in a lot of purposeless lives, a chance to play God by breeding animals, and a chance to play celebrity by showing them." (The Animals' Agenda, Dec. 1991, Phil Maggitti).

"If the death of one rat cured all diseases, it wouldn't make any difference to me." --Chris DeRose, director, Last Chance for Animals

"My ideal is a return to the garden of Eden where even the animals are vegetarian." -Andre Reed, Louisville Fund for Animals