

ABOLITIONIST RAMBLINGS

AN OUTLET FOR AN ABOLITIONIST VEGAN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM HER MORAL HIGH HORSE WHILST EATING CUPCAKES.

SPECIESISM

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Moral Schizophrenia

Francione coined the term *"Moral Schizophrenia"* (aka *"Pet the Dog, eat the Cow"* condition), referring to the notion that meat eaters tend to be morally inclined to show compassion for some animals yet happily eat and support violence against others.

Today I witnessed a perfect case of Moral Schizophrenia.

As I was walking towards my car, I saw a little baby fox sitting next to one squinting at me - I stopped. We stared at each other for a while and i made a move towards him and he moved closer to me, i clearly piqued his interest. I then inched closer and he moved back. We ended up playing a game of chasey. I was feeling inclined to try and catch him to take him home to help him as he was in terrible shape. He was covered in severe scabs, bleeding and puffy eyes, bleeding tail, very injured legs, major hair loss and several cuts. After about 5 minutes he ran away and to my despair, I could not find him.

When I told someone I know about this, they responded saying *"I hate it when innocent little animals are hurt. I love animals so much."* (This someone also happens to be a meat consumer)

Me not wanting to be the annoying-in-your-face vegan did not say anything but my first thought was *"Hang on, you dont like animals being hurt yet you happily and thoughtlessly consume them? How hypocritical and double sided."*

And it is.

Similar case would be the [Michael Vick Dog Fighting](#) scenario. Thousands upon thousands of people found Vick's actions barbaric and disturbing, yet they blissfully consume billions of animals annually. The Humane Society of the United States and PETA both stood up and said; *"Today, we sound a clarion call to all people: Stand up for what is right, and speak out against what is wrong. Dogfighting is unacceptable. Hurting animals for human pleasure or gain is despicable. Cruelty is just plain wrong."* Yet neither of these organisations promote a vegan or nothing message - thus making that statement really meaningless.

Dogfighting is unacceptable and people involved in such animals go to jail - but the slaughter of over 53 billion animals a year is A-OK - as long as 'legislative standards' are met.

This is just another example of how our society is morally schizophrenic on a vast amount of animal related issues.

Honestly, what is the difference between dog fighting and eating pigs or cows that makes one act *justifiable*? They are both undoubtedly unnecessary.

It is just a double standard for us to stand around pointing fingers at people like Vick for being part of dogfighting whilst happily chewing on our chicken deluxe burger. Can we not make, through logical deduction that essentially it is the same concept? In the end, a sentient being is being killed for our mere pleasure and profit.

Why can we not see that cruelty to any being is unacceptable? Then, once we realise this, why can we not see that we are being highly speciesist to assume we are superior thus giving us some inherent 'right' to exploit another being for our personal gain? It is incredible how much this reminds me of sexism and racism and then that just reminds me of how backward as a species we really are.

This superiority complex of ours is destroying the planet. We think that the animals are the ones beneath us, yet we act like outright irrational savages. Really is just one big painful joke.



POSTED BY AMY K AT 7:31 PM
REACTIONS: disagree! (0) crazy (0) awesome (2)

2 COMMENTS:

Fenrir said...

Great post Amy, my thoughts exactly. People are very quick to raise their arms in outrage at the suffering of one species, and then in the same breath bite into a burger containing the remains of several other sentient species that suffered under far more inhumane conditions. This post made me realise i need to buy more vegan tshirts to wear while i do my weekly grocery shopping :)

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Sarah said...

My boss - who claims to be a "health nut" but also likes meat so much she "could be a cannibal" - had a severe case of moral schizophrenia the other day. When she found out about the orangutan that escaped from the Adelaide Zoo (<http://www.embraceaustralia.com/orangutan-escape-bid-3668.htm>), she was absolutely appalled that they would keep such an intelligent animal confined. This prompted a discussion about how, in her mind, she thinks there should be a COGNITIVE TEST to determine whether or not we should eat an animal. Obvious question: does this mean that we should eat mentally retarded people? Sorry, but I just cannot wrap my head around the mental gymnastics it takes for an intelligent person to rationalise this in their minds.

In the next breath, we got on the topic of infant euthanasia and assisted suicide and Peter Singer's view on the issues. Needless to say, she ran through a series of additional contradictions at this point, in a stunning display of speciesism!

(I almost cracked a joke with her that she was being a very Christian atheist with this human-dominating worldview, but I didn't think it'd go over well...)

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AMY K
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My name is Amy and

I moved from Perth, Western Australia to Melbourne, Victoria in Jan 2009. I have always adored food, especially sweets. After going vegan, my adoration of food seems to have quadrupled into an uncontrollable vortex of eating! So why all this crazy no dairy/egg hoo-ha you ask? Well, I believe non-humans are not ours to exploit for our trivial desires. Using non-humans for our benefit is referred to as Speciesism. We cannot progress as a species, until we recognise the importance of adopting non violence into all aspects of our lives. And if we, as a race, can be happy, healthy and thrive without animal products - why wouldn't we! I am an Abolitionist Vegan. I do not support the Welfarist point of view. I am also not a blood throwing-in-your-face-or-sitting-in-cages-naked vegan. I find such 'activism' counter productive. I believe in engaging with friends and family, making amazing food and leading with our forks! So other than my craazzzyy vegan ways, what else is uber leet about me? Well, I enjoy cupcakes and coffee (together is even better!), practicing Ahimsa, pictiornary, the interwebs, Adobe, computers, sci fi & photography....

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Amy K wrote...

TaleiAlso, what do you mean I have allowed him to roam?I'll only learnt of him being alive recently. I then captured him, he escaped. Next day, he returned and I kept him inside as much as I saw him...

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Amy K wrote...

Talei,You have made an assumption.My intent, if I were to let him roam free, would have been to de-sex him first. I am very distressed that he is running around as he is. He needs to be de sexed...

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Talei wrote...

It is illegal to have a non-desexed male cat in Australia unless you are a lisencced cat breeder, which you are not.It is very terrible and irresponsible that you've allowed and contemplate...

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Fenrir wrote...

Shame you can't place an age limit on this blog to keep the 10 year olds out. I really enjoy reading your blog and thoughts , and clearly

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Amy K wrote...

@Anonymouse: Please keep your childish comments to yourself. This blog is about discussing vegan issues.@Ken: Indeed@Abra: Yes! Mind boggling.

Amy K wrote...

Speechless.

Abra Kadabi wrote...

And if a person shot another person in the brain, the person would be sent to jail for life/death sentence. It's sad how the alligator was just some beast in their minds to be shot. :(

Ken Hopes wrote...

It figures that it's on Fox News.

Anonymous wrote...

"l'm a gigantic attention whore who lacks dicks in my pussy, read my blog."stupid whore...

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Anonymous wrote...

lawl, go suck a dick

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