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A Vegan Abolitionist blog

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This is a new bookstand that has appeared at my work. We tell our children stories about animal characters, at the same time as feeding them the tortured flesh or produce of the very same animal.

And we wonder why our society has a confused way of thinking about non-human animals?

I managed to have a quick read of one of the books earlier. The one named "Market Day". This book, at the beginning, refers to the family dog, Rusty - clearly with a name. The book then tells of the family going to an animal market, in search of geese. In contrast to the family dog, the "agricultural" animals are not referred to as he's or she's (like the dog) - instead they are "It's". There is discussion of money in the book, and the family can't decide which geese to get. The animals are drawn in tiny cages, and the family walk up and down, browsing and glaring at the animals as if doing their vegetable shopping.

At one point, a little girl buys a duck, and the duck tries to escape from her cage - at this point the dialogue becomes "Quick! Catch IT".

We are sending out the message, even to extremely young children, that animals are ours. Our property, and ours to do with as we please. Their personhood is taken away. We are teaching our children to be selective - the dog in the book had a name, and was treated as one of the family.

No other animal is different to that dog.

To move forward, we must abolish speciesism, embrace non-violence, and become vegan. Respecting animals, means becoming vegan. There is nothing inbetween, and becoming vegan is incredibly easy!

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faerykisses 7 hours ago BeaElliott liked this.

Children are so confused- we teach them to love animals and then feed them the carcasses of dead animals and say "love animals.. but not these". Torturing animals is a red flag for psychologists, but isn't that what the majority of people take part in?

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BeaElliott 7 hours ago 1 person liked this.

Great observation! They often like to say how vegans anthropomorphize animals... Yet look at any of thousands of books geared to kids: Happy cows "giving" milk, chickens "sharing" eggs --- Pigs glad to become bacon. The deliberate deceit is just unforgivable! It's no wonder we all grow up repressing some kind of unknown "betrayal". Hooray to vegan parents - And those of us who reveal the truth!

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richyfrost 1 day ago BeaElliott liked this.

Indoctrinating younger generations with this nonsense is inexcusable, though hardly surprisingly given the circumstances. Let's keep advocating non violence and veganism, things will change.

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Mandy 1 day ago BeaElliott liked this.

Good analysis.

Where I live (Texas-USA), men love to brag about taking their sons hunting. They consider it a right of passage. It's disgusting. Brutality as a family value is just not something that I can wrap my mind around.

Keep up the good work. Someday people will come around.

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simara delilah rose 1 day ago

agreed !well written and excellent points!

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Wendy A.M. Prosser 14 hours ago

Good post.
 Are you in the UK? If so, you will have heard the story of the teacher who brought a lamb into her school for the pupils to name (Marcus) and care for. Her intention was to teach them about the "food cycle". When Marcus was sent for slaughter, there was a tremendous hoo-hah from the kids' parents and in the media, with calls to save his life.
 How many of those parents have stopped feeding meat to their children, I wonder? It's a pity they didn't accompany Marcus to the abattoir to witness his murder -- that would have taught them about the food cycle.

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BenFrost 7 hours ago

Thanks for the positive feedback everyone. Extremely valid points.

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