



NEED FOR COMMON VISION OF ANIMAL WELFARE

In the Summer 2008 publication of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies "Animal Welfare in Focus" the question is asked:

"Where are we as a nation on animal welfare? Do we have a shared vision or common understanding of the role of animals in our country? If an overwhelming majority of Canadians share the same perspective on animal welfare, why does it seem that other comparable nations such as England, Australia and New Zealand are much further ahead in unified thought and action with animal cruelty legislation, animal transport regulations, humane slaughter, humane labeling etc.? While their vision may not be identical to ours, there's no denying they each have evolved to a shared understanding and a common vision of animal welfare. Canada has not..... If we had a shared vision and common understanding of animal welfare, would we have had greater success in the ten year battle for decent animal cruelty legislation or truly effective codes of practice for industry?"

We ask our readers, please, if you care about animals, make your feelings known. Communicate your concerns to your MP and to the Minister of Agriculture. Keep in touch with them on a continuing basis - it can take some time for these kinds of concerns to "sink in" as far as "authorities" are concerned!

Furthermore, the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies asks:

"What do you see as the most significant barriers to a humane Canada and how might we overcome them? We invite you to share with us (the CFHS) your vision of a humane Canada. Please send your ideas to myvision@cfhs.ca or by mail to:



Dehydrated cull sow from Manitoba enroute to slaughter in Curtis, Wisconsin.

'My Vision'
c/o CFHS, 102 - 30 Concourse Gate
Ottawa, Ontario K2E 7V7"

CETFA strongly supports this article "One Vision - One Voice - One Humane Canada" by Steve Carroll, CEO in the CFHS' Summer 2008 edition of "Animal Welfare in Focus"

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FOOD ANIMAL TRANSPORT... OUTDATED REGULATIONS



Pigs from Manitoba, enroute to Mexico, die of heatstroke and lack of water, food & ventilation while waiting three days to cross border at Brownsville, Texas.

A neglected area of food animal welfare is that pertaining to transport. The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies brings home the situation in their publication "Animal Welfare in Focus". In her article "Updating Canada's Transport Regulations", Shelagh MacDonald tells us:

"Every year throughout Canada, 650 million livestock and poultry are transported from farms to be sold at auction or for slaughter. Today's laws allow cattle and sheep to be transported for up to 52 hours without food, water or rest. For horses, pigs and chickens, transport time can be as long as 36 hours.

"Canada's transport regulations do not

stipulate space allotment for shipment of animals, and are too lax on the transport of sick and injured animals. Current regulations fail to prohibit the use of handling methods that cause pain or injury such as electric prods, and do not require ventilation on trucks or training on animal handling for truckers.

"As a result of these woefully inadequate regulations, hundreds of cattle and thousands of pigs die during transport each year, and thousands more arrive sick and injured at their final destination, according to statistics from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Poultry figures are even more staggering, as more than two million birds die annually in transit and more than ten million arrive sick or injured.

"Canada's outdated regulations enacted 30 years ago are minimal in comparison to other developed nations. American laws limit cattle transport to less than 36 hours while in Europe these durations are even shorter with 28 hours for cattle and sheep and 24 hours for pigs and horses."

Readers, please pressure our Government to at least put Canada on a par with these other more caring countries.

Please send letters of concern to Canadian Government addresses listed on next page. Thank you!

CRUELTY AT AUCTIONS

We are greatly concerned about the unacceptable treatment of cows, pigs and chickens being sold at auction across Canada. Their handlers in this industry clearly lack any empathy for the creatures under their control.

The condition of animals arriving and awaiting sale is frequently unacceptable, as is their treatment.

Clearly animal welfare is not a serious goal in these situations and a great deal needs to be done to educate animal handlers and change their attitude towards those creatures of

which they are in charge.

Loud shouting and painful electric prodding only serve to frighten and agitate the animals they wish to control. A quiet, calm approach would be infinitely better for both the animals and their handlers

The vast number of stressed animals currently dealt with in untrained, uncaring hands creates a nightmare situation that must be addressed.

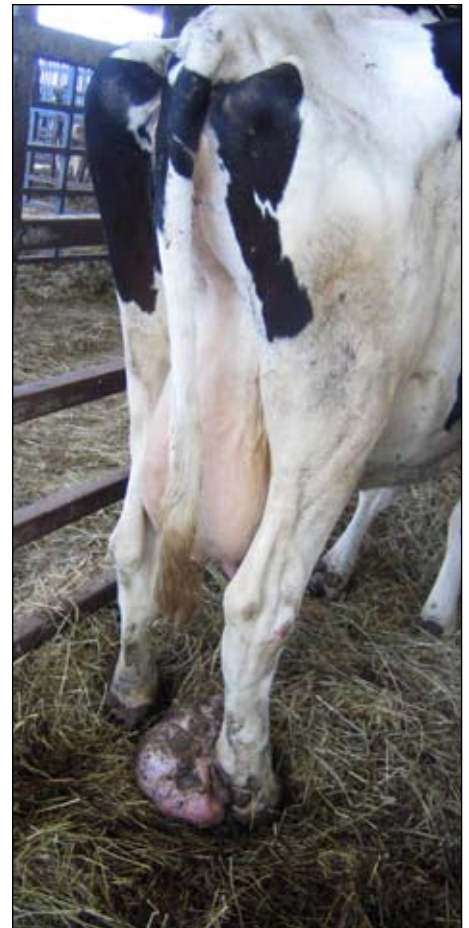
More on this subject in our next Newsletter.



***Evidence of boar bashing in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
This deceased pig displayed signs of a ligature wound (tightening of rope or belt) as a result of rough handling.***

Photographs Needed

Please use any opportunities you may have to take photographs related to issues of concern to CETFA and send them to us together with any information that you may have that could further CETFA's goals.



Cull dairy cow with massive hoof tumour accepted and sold at auction in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Federal Government Information:

1-800-622-6232

This is a toll free telephone number to someone who provides information for all your federal government inquiries.

Useful addresses: -

Please write letters, as individuals, to your own MP, to the Minister of Agriculture and to the Minister of Justice, regarding animal welfare issues about which you feel concern. Their addresses are:

The Hon. Gerry Ritz,
Minister of Agriculture and Agrifood,
Sir John Carling Building, 9th Floor,
930 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0C5

The Hon. Rob Nicholson,
Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada,
Justice Building, 4th Floor,
284 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0H8.

(No postage stamp needed when writing to any Member of Parliament.)

Recommended Reading

ANIMALS, ETHICS AND TRADE

The Challenge of Animal Sentience

Edited by
Jacky Turner and Joyce D'Silva.

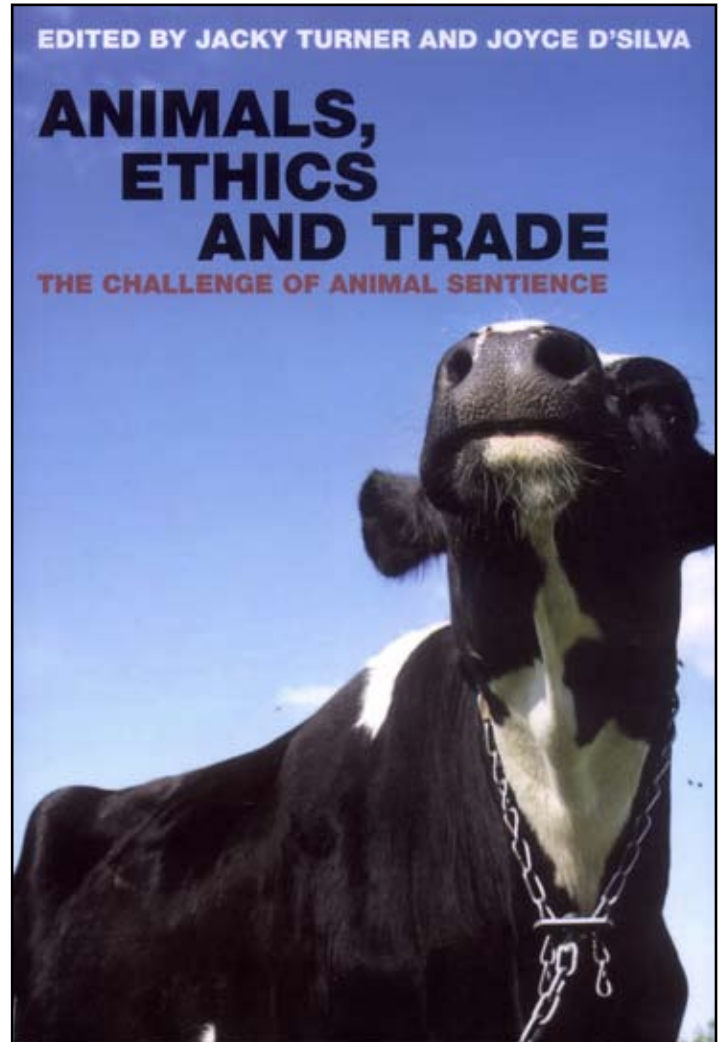
First published in
the U.K. and the U.S.A. in 2006


This is an important work to read. The contributors to this book are internationally renowned experts on animal behaviour and agriculture including Jane Goodall, Tim Lang and Vandana Shiva, who are brought together with ethicists, religious scholars, international industry and regulators to debate these critical issues and tackle the profound implications of animal sentience.

“The first sections discuss scientific and ethical perspectives on the consciousness, emotions and mental abilities of animals. Later sections address how human activities such as science, law, religion, farming, food production, trade, development and education respect or ignore animals’ sentience and welfare, and review the options for changes in our policies, our practices and our thinking.....”

Toward the end of Part Three, “Sustainable Development and Animal Welfare: The Neglected Dimension”, page 215, we read “Respect for Animals is neither sentimental nor unscientific. Rather, respect for sentient animals reflects compassion that is rooted in a scientifically informed understanding of how other animals actually experience the worlds that we impose on them. We should not be sheepish about being compassionate. Compassion for others, and resistance to using others - human or non-human - merely as resources, is a fundamental value that underpins sustainable development in its fullest, most constructive sense.”

Indeed within its pages we find much “food for thought”.



	Canadians for Ethical Treatment of Food Animals	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Annual Membership \$10.00 </div>
Application for New ___ Renewal ___ Membership		
Name: _____ Telephone: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____ Postal Code: _____		
We believe that animals raised for food should have a pain and stress free life and a humane death.		
I might be able to help with: <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Letters <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting at information tables <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining Website	Please make your membership fee payable to: Canadians for Ethical Treatment of Food Animals Box 18024, 2225 West 41 Avenue Vancouver, BC V6M 4L3	

CETFA's PURPOSE

CETFA is a volunteer society whose purpose is to promote the humane treatment of animals raised for food. We work towards the compassionate treatment of food animals so that their lives may be free from pain and fear, followed by a humane death.

CETFA'S GOAL

CETFA's goal is to provide accurate, factual information about Canada's Food Industry and to educate the public about the horrendous cruelty which has become "accepted practice" in the factory farming industry.

CETFA cannot give tax receipts because we choose not to be a registered charity due to restrictions on what we could do.