

# Animal Rights



*The question is not,  
"Can they reason?"  
nor, "Can they talk?"  
but rather,  
"Can they suffer?"*

*- Jeremy Bentham*



# Vocabulary

**Speciesism:** in applied ethics and the philosophy of animal rights, it is the practice of treating members of one species as morally more important than members of other species; also, the belief that this practice is justified.

**Sentient:** able to experience feelings.

**Conserve:** to keep and protect something from damage, change, or waste.

**Factory Farming:** a system of farming in which a lot of animals are kept in a small closed area, in order to produce a large amount of meat, eggs, or milk as cheaply as possible.

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**Trapping:** to catch an animal in a trap.

**Whaling:** the activity of hunting whales.

**Shark Finning:** the practice of catching sharks, removing their fins (which are commercially valuable) and throwing the rest of the shark back into the sea (often while it is still alive, but doomed to drown because it cannot swim without its fins).

**Fish Farming:** the job of rearing fish for commercial purposes.