

Disease, war, poverty, hunger, pollution, global heating, industrial animal exploitation, species extinctions – all steadily worsen. The problem is not a lack of caring, dedication, or talent. It is the failure to teach the truth about human beings, other animals, and far-reaching impacts of injustice toward nonhuman animals.

➤ Causes of Misery

Human beings only consider *immediate* causes of their suffering, loss, deprivation, and early death – ignoring *root* causes, preventing solutions.

Misery comes from unnatural human practices begun in prehistoric times: killing predators and other dangerous animals, hunting other animals, herding, breeding, enslaving, and butchering nonhuman animals, fishing, using animals for food, clothing, and labor, destroying ecosystems to farm land, storing food and other wealth, persecuting animals drawn to “livestock” and crops, and deploying ever more powerful technologies.

Example: A virus *appears to be* the cause of AIDS. But humans’ unnatural practices of exploiting forests, enslaving people, and butchering nonhuman animals are root causes. Most infectious diseases come from similar practices.

Example: Hatred of others *appears to be* the cause of war and its horrors. But war is rooted in humans’ abandoning their natural egalitarian foraging ways, seizing land and animals as property, and accumulating wealth in permanent structures.

Responsible Policies for Animals teaches root causes of misery to help people reduce suffering, loss, deprivation, and early death.

➤ Roots of Injustice

The root of “justice,” *ius*, means *law*.

Law is rooted in practices that humans deem normal and natural which societies write down and enforce to keep order.

Written law began thousands of years after humans abandoned their egalitarian foraging way of life for tyrannical, violent, unjust ways. Unaware of their biological nature and believing *unnatural* ways natural, they based laws on *injustice*, not justice.

Based on killing, owning, breeding, enslaving, and butchering nonhuman animals, driving them from their natural homes, destroying and contaminating their natural habitats, and obstructing their natural movements and migrations, law is *primarily* unjust toward nonhuman animals who suffer most, *secondarily* unjust toward human beings who suffer from injustice toward other animals.

Responsible Policies for Animals reveals roots of injustice to help people establish justice and reduce misery.

➤ Insidious Ideology

Naturally moral beings thinking they benefit when they actually suffer from injustice toward other animals, humans invent ideologies to rationalize injustice.

The unjust and devastating human endeavor invokes *humanism* to assure humans they are the only beings deserving serious consideration. Humanism shapes the many ideologies developed over hundreds of generations, whatever their ostensible purposes.

Results are everywhere today – horrendous animal factories, trillions of fish, octopuses, turtles, eels, and others seized from water, pervasive suffering and death from pollution, construction, chemicals, global heating, and disease, species vanishing daily, countless animals debased for human knowledge, recreation, amusement, and companionship.

Responsible Policies for Animals debunks humanism and related ideologies to promote justice for all animals, including humans.

➤ Persons All

A false humanist tenet is that only human beings are *persons*. Deemed persons, humans have rights aimed at ensuring fulfillment and peace. *Not* deemed persons, nonhuman animals



lack rights and therefore any likelihood of fulfillment and peace.

What makes us *persons* is *our bodies*, not special mental traits. Other animals have bodies, too. The form and evolution of an animal's body – their person – determine the nature of their mind. The body-mind-ecosystem combination determines what a person needs to lead a fulfilling life.

Establishing rights of human beings increased their power to harm other animals, in turn increasing human misery. All must have rights for many to experience fulfillment.

Responsible Policies for Animals teaches the biological, moral, and political bases of nonhuman personhood to help establish the rights all animals need to lead fulfilling lives.

➤ RPA's Campaigns Aim To ...

... *end* the most unjust and harmful humanist teachings: "animal science" at our agricultural universities – training, research, collusion, sales, and PR for the meat, dairy, fish, and egg industries.

... *prevent* further devastation of free-living animals by changing human land-use practices.

... *end* the news industry's false teachings about animals.

➤ RPA's Websites, Lectures, Literature, Exhibits, Interviews, Articles, and Letters ...

... *teach* the ideas explained here and *document* the knowledge behind them.

... *teach* people how to reduce injustice and misery by promoting rights of all animals.

... *urge* people in all walks of life to join our species-wide movement for rights of all animals.

Conventional advocacy and activism cannot create the needed change. A new way forward is needed: rights of all animals.



➤ Be Heard – Join RPA!

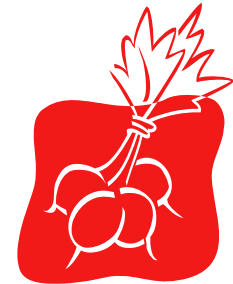
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Justice for all animals: The way forward!

There *might be* a way to protect human beings, other animals, and the living world without establishing rights of all animals.

But *probably not*.



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