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My daughter Ivanka is the youngest of my three children. She was just a baby on my hip when we moved to a small-holding outside Cape Town. We bought some hens from Vredebest Poultry Farm in Paarl as part of a family dream to lead a rural life of self-sufficiency. To my shock and dismay, the hens emerged from their holding crate minus their beaks.

We took Vredebest to court and the Paarl magistrate ruled that when buying a hen one expects to buy a 'whole' hen, not a mutilated hen. He ruled that Vredebest should take back the hens – but, by that time, we had bonded with our hens and wouldn't part with them. It was this single incident that launched me into what would become a driving force throughout the rest of my life – seeking some kind of justice for the inhabitants of earth who manifest in shapes other than human form.

Even as a kid, it was obvious to me that while we might look different, I shared a whole gamut of emotions with many other forms of life. I thought that being cruel to an animal was an aberration of normal human behaviour. Like the day my father and brother came home, pellet guns in hand, proudly dangling a little dead bird by its leg and my mother said 'What about the babies left in the nest?'

It was a rude awakening to at last accept the fact, years later, that 'normal' behaviour is the callous use and abuse of animals the world over in the name of human benefit. My daughter, Ivanka (that's her hand linked with another hand on Page 11), is 27 years old now. In these intervening years I discovered the monumental lie in the prevailing human misconception that... if you care about animal well-being, you obviously don't care about the suffering of humans. Of course, the opposite is true. How we treat those who are at our mercy is the exact reflection of who we are as humans in all spheres of our lives.

Somehow, we lost our way. Overwhelmed by our own fears of failure, of the unknown, of finding our place in the world, we have compensated over the centuries by constructing the tenuous narrative of our own superiority, justifying it over and over until it has become received wisdom. Herein lies the fiction that strength is proven in the ability to take away and not to give.

Ours has been an evolution of dislocation, pushing all other creatures as far away from us as possible, beyond all recognition that within each one beats a heart, a mind and a soul not unlike our own. The factory farming industry stands testament to this.

Perhaps the most significant step forward in recent years is the emerging change in terminology when we refer to the lives of those not shaped like ourselves. In academic circles at least, we hear less and less about animals and more and more about non-humans. Language is a powerful tool. To see this, we need only look back on the changing use of words over the past few decades in the drive to rid our vocabulary of prejudice. When the implication of this emerging terminology is fully understood by society, our underlying fear and prejudice against those who manifest in different forms, will be exposed. We will understand, at last, that it is not an insult to be compared to an animal. And maybe then we will stop for a second, take a breath and realise it is the breath of life we share with so many others. That all life is precious, that all life matters, that strength is not defined by what we take away, but by what we add, what we give. Maybe then at last we will have found our place in the world, and be worthy of it.



Louise van der Merwe

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Turning **Cape Town** into a **cage-free Zone**

The Mother City sets the example ... other cities to follow !

Food Court vendors at Cape Town Civic Centre pledge 100% support for cage free eggs in their ready-made meals!



In a ground-breaking resolution passed on 21st August this year, Mayor Patricia de Lille confirmed her support, as mayor of the City of Cape Town ...

- for the recognition of animals as sentient, capable of feeling the same pain and emotions as human
- for the basic **Five Freedoms** for non-humans



The Five Freedoms

Freedom from **hunger and thirst**

Freedom from **discomfort**

Freedom from **pain, injury and disease**

Freedom to **express normal behavior**

Freedom from **fear and distress**

Freedoms that are denied to laying hens in battery cages

- Freedom from discomfort - **DENIED**
- Freedom to express most normal behaviour - **DENIED**
- Freedom from distress - **DENIED**

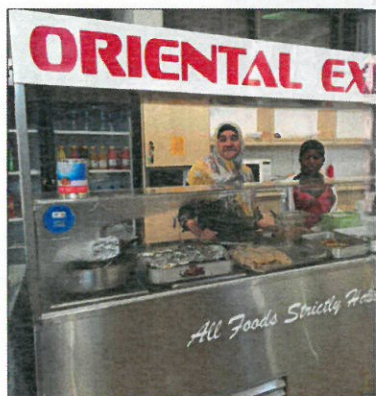
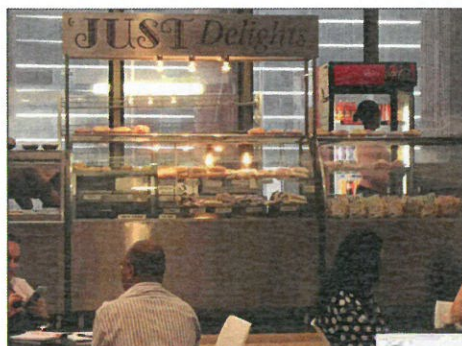
We support cage-free eggs



So will the citizens of Cape Town support their Mayor's stand for animal welfare? Will they take a first step and go **Cage Free** for laying hens?

WALKING THE TALK

To gauge the level of support for Mayor de Lille, **Compassion in World Farming (South Africa)** approached Renee Buerger, Building Facilities Manager at the Civic Centre and asked if the vendors in the Food Court would be encouraged to use only cage-free eggs in all their ready-made meals for the thousands of city staff and visitors who walk through the concourse every day. Mrs Beurger said it was up to Compassion to convince the food court vendors to go cage-free.



Compassion set to work with a presentation to convince the vendors!

Wow! 100% of vendors climbed on board – no persuasion required!

As one vendor put it: "It's horrifying to find out how battery eggs are produced"

And another: "The Mother City will lead by example. Cape Town is a City with Heart!"



Mr Kim Abrahams is one of the shop owners at the Civic Centre Food Court. By going cage free, he opens the cage door to 180 hens.

THANK YOU Windmeul Eggs and James The Freeranger for helping to make this initiative viable!



Who will be next to SIGN UP to THE CAGE-FREE PLEDGE?

If you own or work at a Cape Town company/business/institution, we'll be knocking on your door soon enough!
OR you could pre-empt our knock and invite Compassion in World Farming (South Africa) to give a Going Cage-Free presentation in support of Mayor de Lille. Email Louise on avoice@yebo.co.za to set a date.

Johannesburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth - Will your City NEXT?

Tribunals will challenge the way we relate to non-human beings

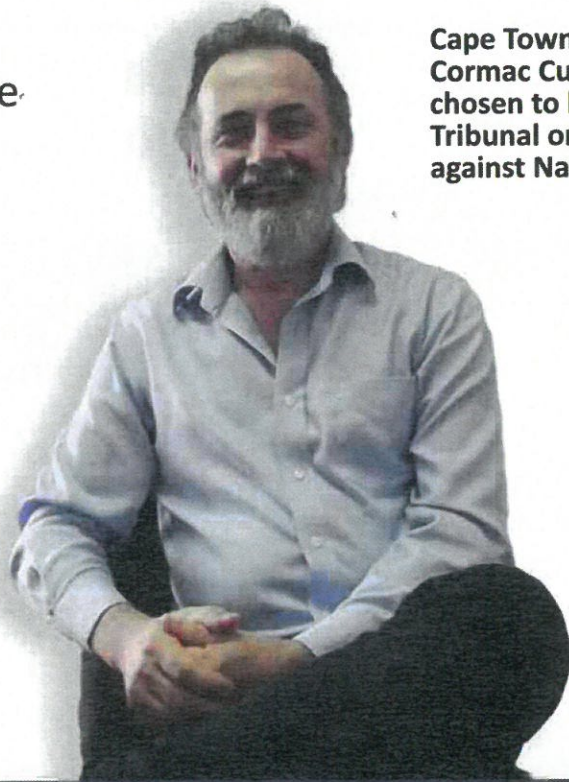
History shows that every social revolution is led by ordinary people whose dissatisfaction has been pushed to the brink.

The 'Fees Must Fall' movement is South Africa's most recent example of this. Simmering in the wings and waiting to take centre stage are the millions of passionate people around the world crying out for Eco-Justice for the Earth and all her inhabitants.

Now, South Africa's leading Environmental Rights lawyer Cormac Cullinan is set to take the movement for Eco-Justice to a whole new level

- a level where ordinary people can put governments and corporates on trial for the wilful destruction of Nature.

Cape Town lawyer, Cormac Cullinan - chosen to lead Paris Tribunal on Crimes against Nature.



interview

Here Cormac Cullinan speaks to Animal Voice editor Louise van der Merwe and gives a glimpse into a quickly evolving future where the rights of non-humans are recognised and protected by law.

Animal Voice:

Congratulations for being elected President of the international panel of judges to preside at the People's Tribunal on the Rights of Nature in Paris on December 4 and 5 – to run concurrently with the Climate Change Conference COP21.

Cormac Cullinan:

Thank you. It is indeed an honour. The trajectory that our civilization is on, is leading to disaster. It is a law of nature that an extinction event will take place when a civilization consistently degrades its habitat so that each following generation inherits a habitat that is more degraded than the one before. The People's Tribunal is a response to the fact that the governments of the world are not doing what needs to be done to save us from inevitable extinction.

Animal Voice:

How will the People's Tribunal change this trajectory and how do we change fast enough to prevent catastrophe?

Cormac Cullinan:

First, we have to move from the prevailing anthropocentric mindset that only humans matter, to a profound recognition that we are members of an amazing community of life in all its diversity.

A community of diversity can only be healthy when every member's rights are respected. Without this, harmonious co-existence is not possible. Thus, to heal our world, we have firstly to recognise and respect the Rights of Nature and all her inhabitants.

Animal Voice:

At the moment, that seems like an unattainable pipe-dream.

Cormac Cullinan:

Yes, because our existing relationship with the rest of life, is one of exploitation. To change, we must recognise that everything that exists, including ourselves, has the right to exist and the right to play a role in the evolution of the Earth.

Animal Voice:

But again, how do we get people to recognise this?

Cormac Cullinan:

Just as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was born out of the atrocities of World War 2 and quickly came to be accepted as an inherent part of our civilization, so too, in the same way, the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth, must become entrenched as an inherent part of our civilization and a complementary component to Human Rights.

Animal Voice:

It is encouraging to learn that the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth was adopted at the Climate Change conference held in South America in 2010 by some 35 000 people

Cormac Cullinan:

And in fact, it was there in Ecuador that the idea of an International People's Tribunal was born whereby people could bring cases to be decided upon as if the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth were law. Now, for the first time in Paris, in tandem with COP 21, the People's Tribunal will be officially constituted with experts in the roles of prosecutor, defence counsel and judges. I am honoured to have been chosen as President of the International Panel of Judges. For the first time, violations of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth, will be aired in a tribunal of the people whose voices have been ignored by governments for too long. No longer will be lobby governments. We're not saying 'please...' any more. We've tried that! We are sick of waiting for real change – for authentic change! So we will do it ourselves!

Animal Voice:

Explain how the Tribunal will work exactly?

Cormac Cullinan:

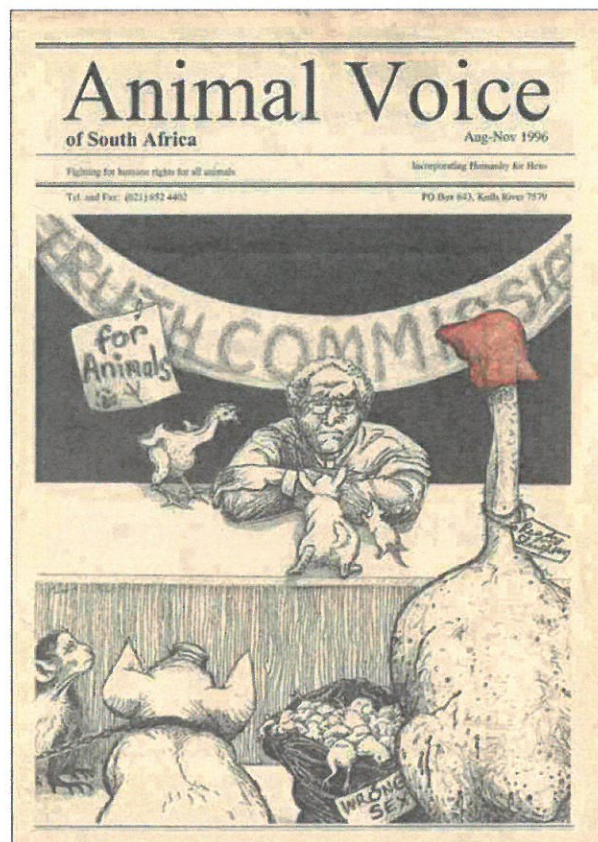
Ordinary people submit cases which go through a preliminary evaluation process after which the case will be heard at the next meeting of the Tribunal. We intend establishing regional chambers of the Tribunal so that ordinary people all over the world have access to it. Regional chambers already exist in Australia and the USA and South Africa is to have one too.

Animal Voice:

What happens when the government/ corporation/ agribusiness/supermarket chain/etc is found guilty of gross violations of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth?

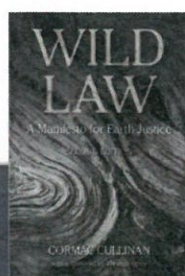
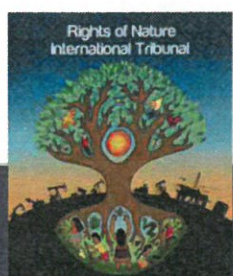
Back in 1995 the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established to expose crimes committed under Apartheid.

At the time Animal Voice predicted the one day there would be a Truth Commission that would expose the atrocities committed against non-human beings. That time has come!



Cormac Cullinan:

We intend to apply Restorative Justice rather than Punitive Justice. Punitive Justice does not actually help the earth. So, if the company has damaged the environment, it must put it right and we will make a call for people not to invest in the company until it puts the situation right. Ultimately, it is a Tribunal of Public Opinion. The more people who support the Tribunal, the more powerful it will be. It is a positive way forward. The thinking that poisons everything is a mentality of domination and exploitation and that is precisely what must become absolutely obsolete. And in addition, we want to come away with the registration of a new crime ... the crime of Ecocide!



Cullinan is author of Wild Law: A manifesto for Earth Justice, as well as the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth.

Pig farmers who continue to confine pregnant pigs in metal cages after 31st December 2016, may face PROSECUTION

One of factory farming's most abusive practices, the sow stall for pregnant pigs is being phased out around the world. In South Africa, a half-hearted phase-out is scheduled to kick in only on 1st January 2020 when a partial ban on sow stalls will come into effect.

In terms of this phase-out, according to the South African Pork Producers Organisation, as from 1st January 2020, pregnant pigs will ...

- spend the first part of their pregnancies (up to 8 weeks) in stalls
- spend the second half of their pregnancies in groups or pens



Says CIWF(SA)'s Louise van der Merwe:

"Eight weeks – unable to move backwards or forwards or sideways – is an eternity for this highly sentient animal. The torment, misery, frustration that they so clearly demonstrate in their little cubicles of deprivation, is unacceptable whether it be for eight weeks or 16 weeks. How outrageously narcissistic of the human race to think it can inflict this torment on an animal for the sake of the taste of bacon and ham."

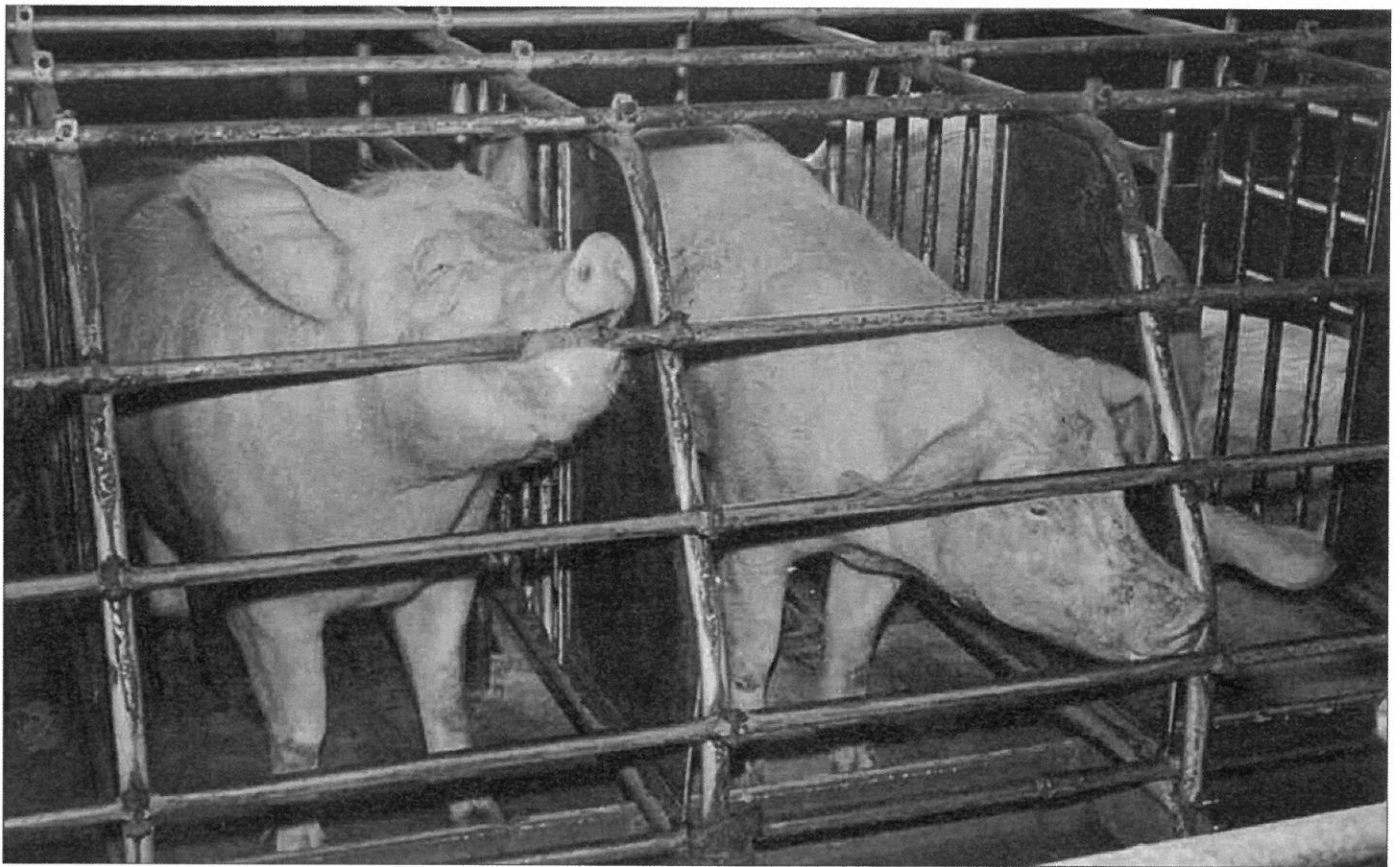
Meanwhile, a showdown is looming ...

... between commercial pig farmers and the NSPCA. Marcelle Meredith, CEO of the NSPCA, is adamant! "Never mind 2020," she said. "If we find a pig in a stall/crate after 31st December (2016), we will prosecute!"

In mid-November, the NSPCA issued a Media Statement alerting consumers to shocking footage obtained by the NSPCA of gassing pigs before slaughter at the Pork Packers abattoir.

According to the statement: "The process involves caged pigs being mechanically dropped into a pit (also known as a Gondola System) which is pre-filled with carbon dioxide (CO₂). This gondola gas system is remotely managed by Butina, an offsite Danish company. After minutes of exposure to the CO₂, the pigs suffocate as a result of the lack of oxygen. But until they lose consciousness the pigs experience panic-like symptoms..."

The NSPCA proposed changing the gas in the pit from a noxious gas, such as CO₂, to an inert gas like argon or a combination of argon and CO₂ which would render the animals unconscious without the stress and panic of suffocation. According to its Media Statement, this proposal was submitted to Tiger Brands and Pork Packers and was rejected.



Reflections on War - Living Graves - By George Bernard Shaw

We are the living graves of murdered beasts,
Slaughtered to satisfy our appetites.
We never pause to wonder at our feasts,
If animals, like men, can possibly have rights
We pray on Sundays that we may have light,
To guide our footsteps on the path we tread.
We're sick of War, we do not want to fight –
The thought of it now fills our hearts with dread
And yet – we gorge ourselves upon the dead.

Like carrion crows, we live and feed on meat,
Regardless of the suffering and pain
We cause by doing so; if thus we treat
Defenceless animals for sport or gain,
How can we hope in this world to attain
The PEACE we say we are so anxious for.
We pray for it, o'er hecatombs of slain,
To God, while outraging the moral law.
Thus cruelty begets its offspring – WAR

**Pigs are thought to have an intelligence
beyond that of a 3 year old child**

Animal Voice calls on Minister of Trade and Industry, Rob Davies, to exercise his right to PRESCRIBE, and stipulate that battery eggs must be identified as such!

According to the South African Department of Agriculture keeping laying hens in tiny wire battery cages, is 'normal'



WE DO NOT ACCEPT THIS CRUELTY AS NORMAL

Conventional battery cages are banned in the UK, EU, Sweden, New Zealand and California. 23 states in India will phase out battery cages by 2017.

**WE DEMAND
HONEST
LABELLING !**



Transparency is a consumer right

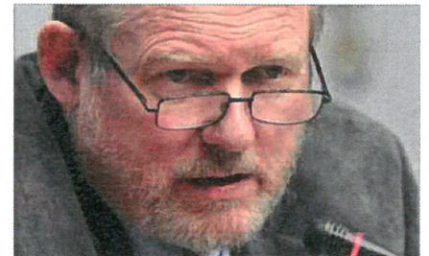
BATTERY EGGS MUST BE LABELLED AS 'CAGE EGGS'

Many Animal Voice supporters will remember the vigorous efforts we all made during 2015 in having cartons of battery eggs labelled as 'Cage Eggs'.

Between consumer awareness campaigns, organising a petition, displaying placards, and responding to calls for written submissions in regard to labelling regulations by the Departments of Agriculture and Health - we gave it our all. Sadly, to no avail.

Then **Animal Voice** was invited to the very informative Seminar on **Food Labelling and Consumer Protection in South Africa**, hosted by the **Department of Trade and Industry** in Pretoria on 25th November.

As a result of what we learned at this seminar, we have written to Minister of Trade and Industry, Rob Davies, motivating why he should exercise his right in terms of the Consumer Protection Act, to stipulate that **battery eggs must be labelled as such.**



This is our letter, written in the name of **Compassion in World Farming SA:**

Date: 26th November 2015

Dear Minister,

Request in terms of Section 24 (4) (a) of the Consumer Protection Act, for eggs laid by hens in battery cages to be labelled and identified as 'Cage Eggs'.

I write as Representative in South Africa for the international NGO **Compassion in World Farming** and on behalf of our supporters. We note that the right to prescribe is invested in you by the **Consumer Protection Act (CPA)** in regard to categories of goods that are required to have a trade description applied to them, as contemplated in subsection (5) of the Act.

We believe your prescription is urgently required so that the producers and suppliers of battery eggs may be compelled to apply a trade description to their goods, disclosing the 'method of production'.

Motivation for this Appeal:

- **Compassion in World Farming (South Africa)** is a “consumer protection group” as defined in Section 77 of the CPA, and represents and promotes the interests or protection of some 5 500 South African consumers. **Compassion in World Farming (SA)** has lobbied supermarket retailers, the South African Poultry Association, and the Departments of Agriculture and Health over a period of six years for a label that identifies the method of production of battery eggs.
- **Our appeal is based on the following Consumer Rights as determined by the National Consumer Commission, namely...**
 - * **Right to Choose**
 - * **Right to Disclosure and Information**
- Conventional battery cages for laying hens are banned in the UK and EU and in certain states in the USA.
They are being phased out in India on the grounds that battery egg farming violates India's Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, and phase-outs are also in progress in Australia and New Zealand. The bans and phase-out periods are in response to widespread consumer objection to the cruelty inherent in battery farming.
- At the **Seminar on Food Labelling and Consumer Protection** in South Africa, hosted in Pretoria by the Department of Trade and Industry on 25th November 2015, panelists' comments supported our endeavours. Comments included:
“We need a powerful consumer education programme to help create informed consumerism.”
– Adv. Neville Melville, Consumer Goods and Services Ombudsman and speaker at the Seminar.
- **“The CPA promotes a culture of consumer rights and responsibilities and is there to help people make informed choices – from farm to fork.”**
– Ms Thezi Mabuza, National Consumer Commission and speaker at the Seminar.
- We note the recent comments by Professor Hans-Wilhelm Windhorst, Statistical Analyst at the International Egg Commission (IEC), as included in the IEC's Special Economic Report, April 2015, namely:
In Africa... **“the animal welfare discussion has not even started”** and alternative housing of hens away from battery cages **“will not happen within the next one or two decades.”**
We believe these comments demean the consumers of Africa and point very clearly to the need for clear labelling on egg cartons.
- **We believe that the lack of identification of method of production on egg cartons containing battery eggs indirectly gives a misleading or deceptive representation of the goods (Section 41. (1) (a)(b) and (c) of the CPA).** It is our experience that consumers buying battery eggs do not assume the eggs are laid in battery cage conditions and instead, assume that all eggs are laid by hens kept in conditions depicted in farm-yard fairy-tale books.

On the grounds of the above list of Motivations, we thank you for your urgent consideration of this appeal.

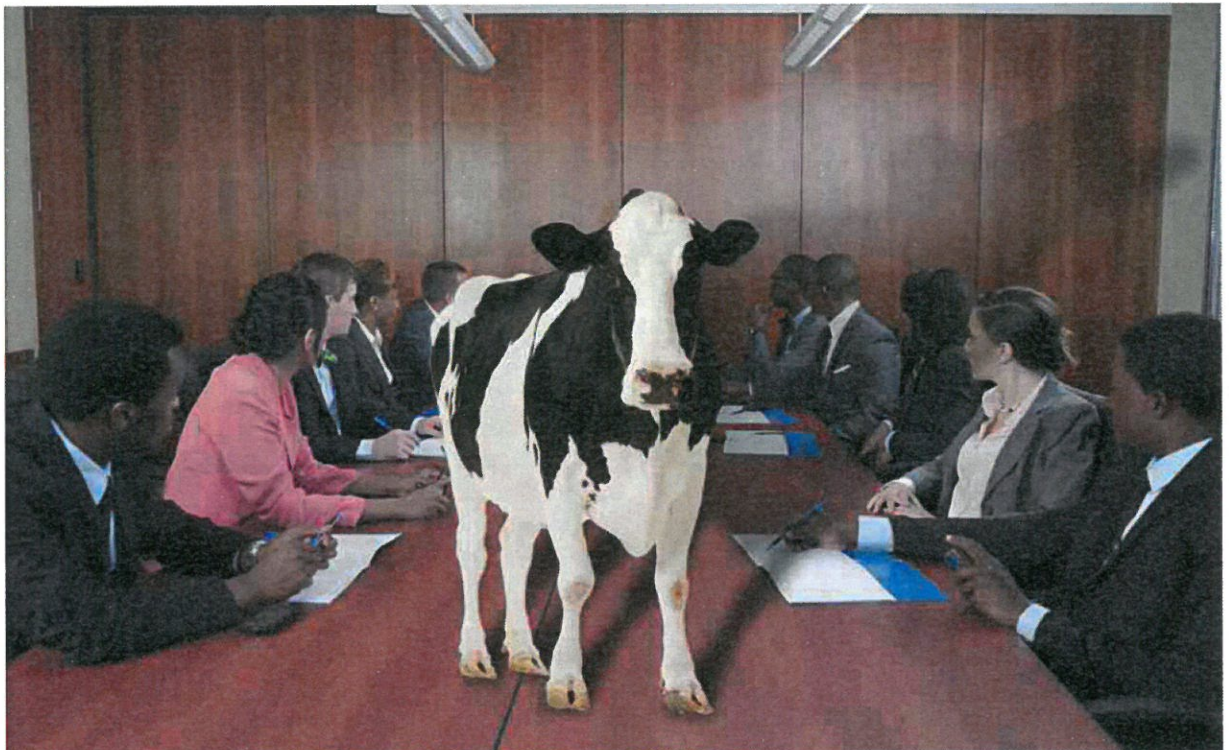
Sincerely,
Louise van der Merwe
Representative in South Africa: Compassion in World Farming

ANIMAL AGRICULTURE

contributes to **30%** of global

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

On the eve of COP21, the international advisory body Chatham House issued a report titled 'Changing Climate, Changing Diets' warning that reducing global meat consumption will be critical to keeping global warming below the 'danger level'.



Leaders from **150 nations** addressed COP21 - the **Climate Chance Conference** in Paris this month.

*Did any head of state mention the
'unmentionable' ~~elephant~~ [^] in the room?*
COW

Animal Voice editor,
Louise van der Merwe asked
University of Stellenbosch
Professor Guy Midgley,
for comment.

Professor Midgley is an
internationally recognised
expert on **Climate Change and
Biodiversity**, and co-recipient of
the Nobel Peace Prize for his
work in the field.



interview with Professor Guy Midgley

Animal Voice:

Thank you, Professor Midgley for giving us your time on this matter. Listening to all that is coming out of COP21, one can't help but dread to think what kind of future we are leaving to our children. On Kieno Kammies show on Cape Talk radio you mentioned that Botswana, for example, would become a desert if we do not manage to contain the rise in global temperature to 2 degrees C. And if we don't get it right, we are apparently facing the extinction of one-third of all life on earth. Very scary. None of us want to leave a world like this for our children to inherit.

Professor Midgley:

The projections you mention are relevant if we fail to get our emissions (and land use) under control. There is still time to avoid these really adverse outcomes.

Animal Voice:

Do you know of any head of state that actually mentioned the impact of animal agriculture on Climate Change?

Professor Midgley:

Actually, yes. I recall the New Zealand Prime Minister mentioning agriculture in his opening address, and it is an item on the SBSTA (Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice) agenda. So this is a real issue to join the negotiations but there is still a lot to be done to work out what the best policies might be.

I think that there are likely to be more and less sustainable agricultural options. Clearly clearing savannah and forest in the tropics to grow crops to feed cattle in intensive feedlots is a risky option. Here in southern Africa things are a bit different.

We have replaced indigenous game in their millions with cattle, sheep and goats. Grazing and browsing in natural vegetation is essential to maintain ecological processes. Sustainable farming with livestock is therefore more feasible here. This does not excuse production practices that are abusive to animals.

Thus, the agricultural issue is on the scientific agenda, but it is complicated and hard to tackle in parallel with the fossil fuel issue that in itself calls for a complete change in the world's energy system. I think negotiators may feel that we have to get energy right first, and then move to sort out agriculture issues.

That's not to say that nothing is being done - there is also action on deforestation and work going on to sequester carbon into many kinds of natural ecosystems.

Animal Voice:

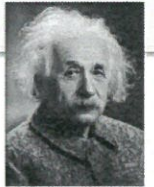
Many thanks again for giving us your insight into this issue.

Seeking Justice for all who share the breath of life



"A human is part of the whole that we call universe, a part limited in time and space. Yet he experiences himself as something separated from the rest. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for the few people nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion."

Albert Einstein



"The differences between humans and animals are differences of degree, not differences of kind. Since both humans and non-humans evolved over millions of years and share similar nervous systems and other organs, there is no reason to think we do not share similar mental and emotional life with other species."

Charles Darwin



"The animals of the world exist for their own reasons. They were not made for humans any more than black people were made for white or women for men."

Alice Walker, author of The Colour Purple



"Those who fight for animals are taking part in the last great crusade, the last fight for justice where there is none, the most important remaining battle for integrity, the final battle that will move mankind from barbarism and savagery to true civilisation."

Dr Vernon Coleman, author and medical doctor

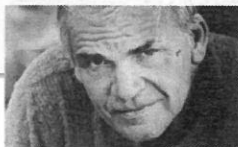


"The most dangerous and destructive view by far – one which has changed human beings into rampaging, destructive and mindless beasts – is that we compare ourselves to other living things... Until these attitudes are combated and erased from the human mind, Westernized human beings will be a danger to all earthly life, including themselves. Throughout the world this is what human beings have become: big-bellied, insatiable, unbelievably greedy cannibals. We must stop – immediately – regarding ourselves as superior and special."

Credo Mutwa, great African father, seer, sage, sangoma, inyanga, healer, psychic and storyteller



"Mankind's true moral test, its fundamental test (which lies deeply buried from view), consists of its attitude towards those who are at its mercy: animals. And in this respect mankind has suffered a fundamental debacle, a debacle so fundamental that all others stem from it." **Milan Kundera, Czech author, critic, The Unbearable Lightness of Being**



"All cruelty – to other animals as well as human beings – is an affront to civilized living and a sin before God." **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**



"We need a transformation of society at the level of culture itself. We need to realize that we have been captured by the lure of consumerism to believe our happiness and success depends on what we eat, wear, won and use... The Church has a moral and theological responsibility to embrace its role of stewardship of our beautiful earth and all its creation." **Bishop Ziphazile Siwa, Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and President of the South African Council of Churches**



"I thought he was dumb,
I said he was dumb,
yet I've heard him cry" **D.H. Lawrence**

"Two days ago I passed a truck probably heading for the Hout Bay informal settlement . On it were about 10 listless, thin sheep, transported in the heat of the day, and obviously heading for slaughter. I phoned up various organizations , but no one could do anything to help these poor creatures. It was as if they simply had no basic rights, were not regarded as sentient and simply objectified as meat. It was heartbreaking, and almost bizarre that this is seen as 'normal'. It's as if the 'system' couldn't function as it does if it dared to see them in the light of living, breathing, fearing, loving beings. The callousness simply perpetuates the system. It hardens the heart, feeds a lie and gives people the sense that there is no harm in raising, transporting and killing innocent creatures in abject cruelty. This horror must end." **Shelley van Branningen, Cape Town**



"It is at least admitted that the suffering of people is evil and that the man who causes it is a criminal. But thousands of animals are uselessly butchered every day without a shadow of remorse... It cries vengeance upon all the human race." **Romain Rolland, Nobel Laureate**

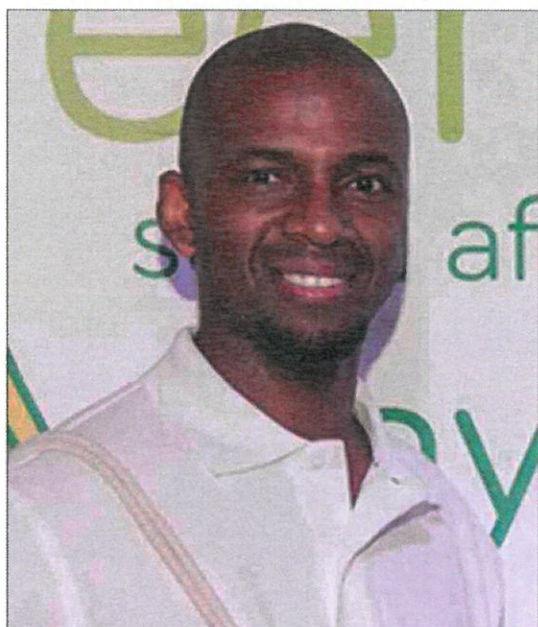


"It is much better that a sentient being should never have existed, than that it should have existed only to endure unmitigated misery." **Percy Bysshe Shelley**



Tozie Zokufa - Guest Columnist

Going green this festive season



With South Africa experiencing its worst drought since 1992, Tozie Zokufa gives readers some tips on how to put the **'green'** into **'Festive'**.

The festive season is upon us and it is time to relax, enjoy good food and good company with family and friends. However with the current drought we're experiencing, is it possible to have a **Green Festive Season?**

The answer is a resounding, YES!

Green Festive is an easy, flexible and a fun way to make a positive difference **one green meal at a time** for the sake of sustainability and future generations.

Cutting down on meat, eggs, and dairy can mitigate our environmental impact, whilst also safeguarding our health. Studies have found that those who eat plant-based diets tend to have a lower risk of obesity, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers.

Adopting a **Green Festive** also helps animals. More than 1 billion land animals were raised for food in South Africa in 2013 alone. More than 95 percent of egg-laying hens and more than 50 percent of pregnant sows spend nearly their entire lives in cages or crates, where they are unable to exercise, fully extend their limbs, or engage in many other important natural behaviours.

A **Green Festive** will also address some of the world's most serious environmental problems. The animal agriculture sector makes up 29 percent of global water requirements. An average of 4015 litres of water is required to produce 250g of red meat. By 2023, it is projected that 33 percent of the world's population will live in areas of absolute water scarcity, including South Africa.

So let's all do our bit and raise a toast to a Green Festive 2015!





Nowhere is our work more important than in the classroom

Classroom behaviour and bullying Consultant Yossi Vissoker conducts a workshop at a senior secondary school in Khayelitsha.



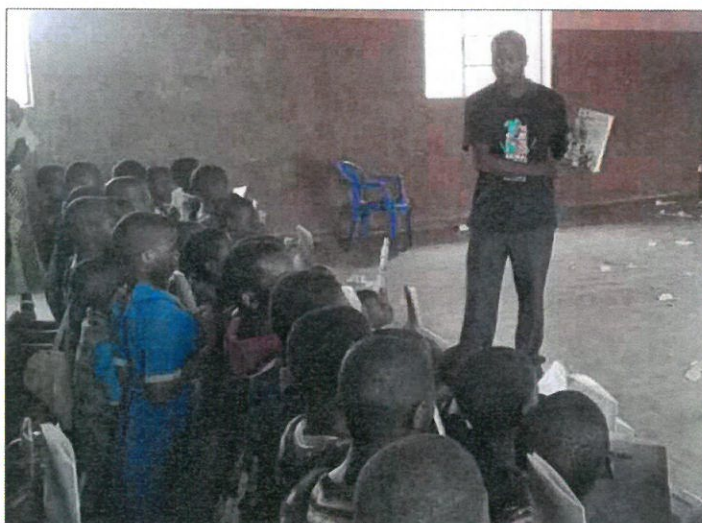
Consultant Vivienne Rutgers explains how a Foundation Phase resource fits into the curriculum for Life Skills.

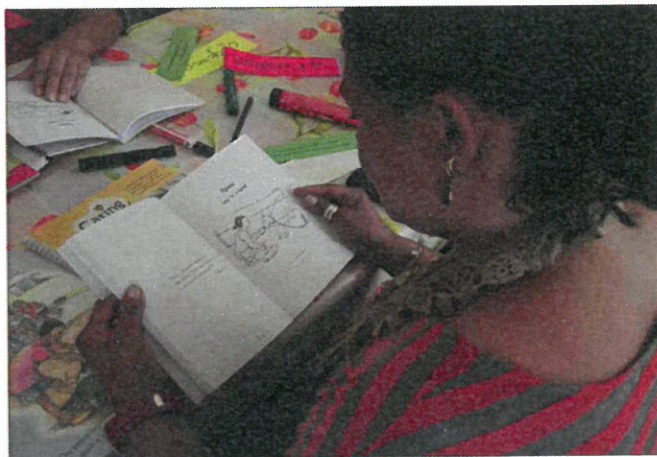
This year **Humane Education** became a household name as far afield as Malawi!



In co-operation with Netcare 911 and the International Fund for Animal Welfare, our comic-book on rabies awareness 'Friends don't bite!' reached the children in Lilongwe.

In calling for more comics, Dr Richard Ssuna, Director of the Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals (LSPCA) said the comics had been a 'whopping success' and that the learners who had received the comic, prior to the rabies vaccination clinics being held in their neighbourhoods, had all made the effort to take their dogs to be vaccinated.





Delegate Comments

- "I wish all educators from different schools could attend these workshops – even parents, for the benefit of their children."
- "The workshop was good for me. Challenging. Very informative."
- "An eye-opener. I wish more schools could attend these workshops."
- "Such a great workshop. Anyone who didn't make it (to the workshop) missed out on something big."



Taking learners to a new level of consciousness



Here are just a few of the schools, booksellers, organisations and libraries that have stocked up with Humane Education-Caring Classrooms resources in the last year and a half.

K&M Edubooks, Pretoria
Teacher Resources, Durban
Department of Basic Education, Gauteng (library resources)
EduSolutions, Gauteng
L R Schmidt Primary School
The Institute of Training and Education, Children's Library, East London
Willow Park Primary School, East London
Forest Heights Primary School, Cape Town
St Mary's DSG, Kloof
Hermanus Animal Welfare Society
The World Health Organisation, Geneva
Vets for Change, Cullinan
Masikhule, We are Growing, Somerset West
Sherin Books and Charts, Durban
Knysna Animal Welfare Society
Adams Booksellers, Durban
SPCA Winelands, Montagu
Transkei Animal Welfare
Amanda Johnson & Co, Gauteng
Forres Preparatory School, Rondebosch
Laraine Global Books, Edenvale
Protea Boekwinkel, Free State
Wilstan Book Supplies, Cape Town
Afro School Suppliers, Honeydew
Southern Cross School, Hoedspruit
Edufocus, Centurion
Animal Welfare Society, Gordon's Bay
People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, Cape Town
Animals in Distress, Vorna Valley
Websters (Pty) Ltd, Mbabane
Paws for People, Gauteng
WESSA, Howick
Edulink Direct

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Animal Voice magazine is a voice for the voiceless. We expose the truth behind animal injustices in South Africa, as well as shine a light on the brave activists who make a difference to the lives of animals. Animal Voice is the only national magazine in South Africa dedicated to achieving better lives for farmed animals through consumer awareness and their buying power.



Humane Education's Caring Classrooms programme provides resources and presents workshops aimed at awakening a sense of empathy and developing core values in learners. By rekindling the spirit of care and respect for all life, learners find a new sense of self-esteem and confidence. Workshops are also aimed at reducing teacher stress and dealing with the problems around bullying. Our programme is curriculum-aligned and SETA accredited. "How we treat animals and how we treat each other are two stems that grow from the same root. If there are thorns of neglect, contempt or cruelty on one, we can be sure to find them on the other" - Ronald Swartz.



Compassion in World Farming (South Africa) concentrates on the welfare of farmed animals. We work at government and retail level to achieve improvements for farmed animals and put an end to cruel factory farming. We create awareness about industrialised farming, empowering consumers to make a difference through their buying power. We engage industry, farmer organizations and retailers in finding solutions and alternatives to the inhumane system of factory farming. In doing so we bring about better lives for farmed animals.

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