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Animal Rights.

The claim that animals have no feeling, and should then have less rights than humans, it mainly based on assumption and lack evidence. Animals should have the same rights as humans because, technically, humans are animals, and therefore, there is no morally relevant difference between them. For example, we are evolutionary related to them, and the great philosopher who theorised evolution, Charles Darwin stated, "There is no fundamental difference between man and the higher mammals in their mental faculties" and that all the differences are "of degree, not of kind". Animals also are similar to humans because they have their own societies that function just as our societies. Prairie dogs have their own language, termites create buildings, and bowerbirds create houses. Some people say that animals don't have feelings and don't deserve the same rights as humans because philosopher, Rene Descartes, once said, "animals are mere machines but man stands alone". He also claimed animals were machines and mentored young adults with his practices of cutting them up alive. These claims have no evidence to them, thus proving itself to be irrelevant. People also say animals aren't equal to humans because they are not as intelligent as us, stating that if they were intelligent as us, they would have been able to create languages and technology that got us to the advanced society today, but they do have languages and technology and even societies. Take apes for example, primate behavior relies on a rich body of social knowledge, and that this knowledge suggests that primates have conceptual understanding, according to Dorothy Cheney & Robert Seyfarth, professors that work in the biology and psychology in the University of Pennsylvania, they're research is focused on behavior, communication, and social cognition of group-living primates. Though, what would happen if we did give animals the same rights as humans? Or even let them into our society? Well, They would most likely not be able to function in our society, because they wouldn't know the laws, and we would have no way to communicate with them. They could kill people or destroy property, and not be able to plead their case in court. Some animals born in captivity also couldn't fend for themselves in the wild, but feral animals couldn't go into our society either, for they couldn't get jobs or drive cars or go grocery shopping. So, I have come to the conclusion that maybe animals should come into our society or get the exact rights humans have, but instead stay where they are and get their own rights that would be strict on abuse.

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