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It is important to me to write on behalf of the animals who are helpless and at the mercy of a terrible inequity between the protections provided for companion animals and "livestock" or animals used in research, hunting and entertainment.

The basic needs of animals should be met without question. It is up to humans to be compassionate when dealing with animals in any situation. If the standards are raised now, young people will grow up treating animals humanely, and of course, the animals will benefit.

You will already be aware of the horrific conditions that animals must endure:

Broiler chicks, egg laying hens, pigs, "bobby" calves and young lambs..the list continues. It seems no animals are safe from the inadequacy of the National Animal Welfare Bill.

I propose:

1. All livestock should be free range.
2. Surgical mutilation of animals must cease.
3. Animals in feedlots/saleyards must have access to water, shelter and food.
4. Animals SHOULD NOT be used in research or experimentation, hunting, or any entertainment that is to their detriment.
5. There must be a journey time limit for animals going to slaughter.
6. Live export must cease.

Thank you.

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