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The Greatness of a Nation and It's Moral Progress Can be Judged by the
way It Treats It's Animals
Mahatma Gandhi.

Oh really.? If this is the case we sure have a long way to go. The cruelty we are inflicting on other sentient beings is out of control. I am ashamed to be an Australian.

The live trade should be stopped immediately. The treatment of broiler chickens is sickening. I could go on and on. My protest has been to stop eating meat. Very difficult but not impossible. I will encourage others to do the same and speak for those without a voice.

We sure are a cruel species.

Eg.

3. Pigs are known to be as intelligent and sensitive as dogs, yet sows are confined to concrete and metal cages barely larger than their own bodies for most of their lives. They never see daylight except when they are loaded onto trucks headed for the slaughterhouse, by which time they are worn out from constant breeding and many are unable to walk. There is no justification, moral or economic, for this cruel confinement in which a sow is lucky if she can move one step back or one step forward. Codes of Practice state that hooved animals become "footsores" from being confined on concrete surfaces, yet the "Model CoP for the Welfare of Animals - Pigs" provides for just that. Sows live in sow stalls until they are due to give birth, when they are moved to an even smaller structure, a farrowing crate - and there, she cannot even reach to touch her young. This denies the animals the most fundamental rights, the "Five Freedoms". Sow stalls are banned in the UK and Florida, and are being phased out in the EU. The Australian public

demands that the government do the same and end this appalling cruelty. "Producers" claim that this curbs aggression - if the animals were not so grossly overcrowded, there would be no aggression issue. Piglets ears are notched, their tails cut off, their teeth clipped, and they are castrated without any anaesthetic or analgesia; this would be a criminal offence if they were cats or dogs.

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