

# Issues in Animal Ethics

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- 2. **How** are the key issues in animal ethics approached?
- 3. **Why** are the approaches to the key issues in animal ethics important?

1. **What** are the key issues in animal ethics?

Human beings cause a lot of pain and suffering to animals; however, some human activities are especially harmful, and inflict considerable quantities of pain on millions or billions of animals every year. These activities are all key issues in animal ethics, because they stimulate significant debate about the extent to which human beings should be allowed to inflict pain and suffering on other living things. Make a note about three of the key issues in animal ethics (i.e. farming, medicine and science, and sport).

Key Issues in Animal Ethics		
Farming	Medicine and Science	Sport

2. **How** are the key issues in animal ethics approached?

The two significant approaches to animal ethics are human supremacy and animal liberation. Farming, medicine and science, and sport are addressed differently depending on which approach is adopted. Make a note about how the key issues in animal ethics are addressed.

How Human Supremaists Approach Key Issues in Animal Ethics	
Approach	How
Human Supremacy Anthropocentrism	

### How Members of the Animal Liberation Movement Approach Key Issues in Animal Ethics

Approach	How
<b>Animal Liberation</b> Biocentrism Moderate	
<b>Animal Liberation</b> Biocentrism Radical	

3. **Why** are the approaches to the key issues in animal ethics important?

The approaches to the use of animals in farming, medicine and science, and sport influence what the lives of animals look like. Make a note of how human supremacists and members of the animal liberation movement suggest animals should live.

### How Human Supremacists and Members of the Animal Liberation Movement Suggest Animals Should Live

Human Supremacy Anthropocentrism	Animal Liberation Biocentrism Moderate	Animal Liberation Biocentrism Radical

Beyond what life looks like for animals, and the pain and suffering that is inflicted on them, how animal issues are addressed is important for other reasons. Make a note of three additional reasons why the approaches to the key issues in animal ethics are important.

### Why the Approaches to the Key Issues in Animal Ethics are Important

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