



Why Can't We Eat the Cat?

The Ethical Case for Veganism or Why Eating Animals May Not Only Be Bad for Your Health, but Also Immoral

Many within American society are profoundly disturbed by the abuse of domesticated animals such as dogs and cats. Indeed, many people spend hundreds and even thousands of dollars to save sick pets each year. Yet millions of cows, chickens, pigs, to name a few, are slaughtered for human consumption. On what moral grounds can we claim that a dog deserves to be treated humanely while simultaneously claiming the right to eat creatures of similar capacities?

In this lecture, Professor Nall introduces both common and philosophical arguments for and against the right of animals to be protected from human consumption. He focuses in particular on ethical considerations of human entitlement to use animals for food.

The class will introduce students to key thinkers in the debate for and against animal rights and invite students to engage in thought experiments and class discussion.

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\$25/member; \$35/non-member

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