

# Animal Rights: Current Debates and New Directions



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## Introduction

### What Are Animal Rights?

#### DOGS, CATS, AND HYPOCRISY

There are nearly 100 million domestic dogs in the United States, owned by more than 60 million households. In at least half of these households, the family dog receives a Christmas present. Millions of dog owners celebrate their dog's birthday. If a family's were somehow forced to live a short and painful life, the family would undoubtedly feel some dog pain. What can be said about dog owners can also be said about cat owners, who are more numerous still. But through their daily behavior, people who love those pets, and greatly care about their welfare, help ensure short and painful lives for millions, even billions of animals that cannot easily be distinguished from dogs and cats. Should people change their behavior? Should the law promote animal welfare? Should animals have rights? To answer these questions, we need to step back a bit.

Many people think that the very idea of animal rights is implausible. Suggesting that animals are neither rational nor self-aware, Immanuel Kant thought of animals as "man's instruments," deserving protection only to help human beings in their relation to one another. He who is cruel to animals becomes hard also

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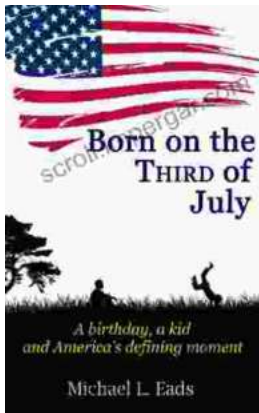


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