



## RPA Moves To Decertify Universities That Teach and Promote Animal Abuse

*Authorities told about fifteen years of stonewalling and denial in violation of basic education principles.*

By David Cantor

This fall, Responsible Policies for Animals submitted a detailed complaint to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) urging MSCHE to investigate whether universities with “animal science” programs should lose their accreditation. We await MSCHE’s reply.

All that human beings do to and with other animals and their natural homes is abuse – maltreatment. It is not possible to reduce animal abuse or its devastating consequences to human beings and the living world with many of the most influential universities teaching and rationalizing abuse.

That is what our colleges of agriculture at our land-grant universities (LGUs) do through their massive “animal science” programs. “Animal science” – “dairy science,” “poultry science,” “aquaculture” (fish factories), and other animal-abuse classes masked as academically legitimate – provides training, research, experimentation, public relations, sales, promotions, and lobbying for the meat, dairy, fish, egg, and feed industries, some of our species’ most destructive profit endeavors.

There are more than 100 LGUs, with millions of alumni, students, parents, faculty, and staff influencing policy, belief, and human lifeways worldwide. Slaughter, eugenics, en-

slavement, experimentation, breakup of families, and other abuses of non-human animals on LGU campuses reinforce the backward thinking serious animal advocacy works to debunk.

No wonder there has never been a reduction in animal abuse despite billions of hours and dollars spent by intelligent and dedicated people.

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### Enough Is Enough

Since 2003, RPA and its members have sent hundreds of letters, fact-sheets, books, videos, and reports to presidents, chancellors, and trustees of the 50 states’ main LGUs and the governors of all 50 states (they’re also LGU trustees) about the vast “animal science” hoax. We show LGU newspapers what we tell LGU executives. We have received many replies and

some news coverage. But these powerful institutions of “higher learning” stonewall rather than cooperate in creating needed change for the better.

MSCHE accredits Penn State University, the University of Maryland, University of Delaware, Rutgers University, Ohio State University, and Cornell University, the only Ivy League LGU, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education. RPA’s complaint urges the agency to acknowledge that “animal science” must go due to its animal abuse, harm to human wellbeing and civilization, devastation of the living world, corruption of higher education, and deception of the public and its institutions such as news, government, and schools.

### University Corruption

People expect profit industries to mislead. They don’t expect universities to mislead on behalf of profit industries but to debunk false and harmful beliefs they promote. The public has a legitimate expectation that a university will base its programs on empirically established facts, shifting to new paradigms when science overturns old ones. That is what RPA’s 10,000 Years Is Enough campaign has urged our LGUs to do these past 15 years by eliminating “animal science.”

The belief that it is healthful and natural for human beings to eat from

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# RPA Members Continue To Get It Done

By David Cantor

Radical political movements for equal rights always start with a small dedicated group of people who grasp the need for a basic paradigm shift – an all-new perception and understanding of the rights-denied group, the suffering they endure, and the benefits to human beings and civilization of establishing their equal rights. Fortunately for nonhuman animals, in addition to RPA's many members whose donations enable RPA's work to progress each day, some members also take action in RPA's campaigns. Here are some highlights.

► Caleb Wistar, RPA's information specialist, contributed invaluable research and analysis for RPA's complaint challenging mid-Atlantic land-grant universities' (LGUs') accreditation for stonewalling RPA's demand that they eliminate their "animal science" programs (see "RPA Moves to Decertify Universities ...," cover page.) Caleb continues gathering information for upcoming complaints to the other regional accreditation agencies.

Some research Caleb has been conducting indicates that there might be more violent crime such as sexual assault, per capita, at LGUs than at other universities. Male supremacy and entitlement, like human supremacy and entitlement, are components of the "Great Chain of Being," the ancient ideology manifested in "animal science" and other LGU animal-abuse programs. Perhaps instituting RPA's equality-based paradigm at our LGUs will help reduce crimes by humans against each other as well as animal abuse and the atrocities "animal science" oversees through factory farming and mass slaughter.

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Caleb made sure we had our facts straight for the recent *Persons* article explaining the links among moral injury, animal-abuse culture, and animal rights, contacting the person who coined the term "moral injury" and other authorities. He provides contact information for experts on many aspects of RPA's work. His efforts expedite many RPA endeavors. Caleb has supported RPA since its founding in 2002.

► Bethany Cortale sent a letter to President Robert L. Barchi of her alma mater, Rutgers University, New Jersey's main LGU, explaining why Rutgers should eliminate its "animal science" program (see "RPA Moves to Decertify Universities ...," cover page). Not hearing back, Bethany emailed her letter to *all 348* faculty members of Rutgers' School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (college of agriculture), soliciting their views.

Bethany also published a detailed letter in the Rutgers online newspaper, *The Daily Targum*, "U. Should Phase Out Animal Science," reading in part,

As an educator with a social sciences and environmental background, I was taught to improve the lives of others – not subject them to infectious and non-communicable diseases and unhealthy lifestyles. Animal science curricula inculcate in the minds of students that consuming nonhuman flesh, milk and eggs, and breeding and slaughtering other animals for human consumption are natural, normal and necessary for human health, and that careers in related industries are morally sound. The opposite is true, and nor can nonhuman animals bred and owned by human beings lead fulfilling lives.

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# Entitlement, Not Cruelty, Source of Most Animal Abuse

*“Cruelty” is unquestioningly tossed about as the reason so many nonhuman animals suffer under the human boot, but very few human beings are cruel.*

By David Cantor

I began focusing on systemic mass atrocities human beings carry out against other animals – enslaving them, slaughtering them, selectively breeding them, forcing them to entertain and labor for human beings, killing them for being members of despised species, and others – while preparing for my job interview at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals 30 years ago. My education continued through the years as the long, steady stream of complaints, news articles, and investigators’ reports came in. Like thousands of others, I dedicated myself to “fighting cruelty.”

Over time I came to see that all of the victories achieved on behalf of nonhuman animals, all of the rescues of abused animals, all of the placements of neglected pets in good homes did not and could not add up to a reduction in animal abuse, the suffering of nonhuman animals, or the human misery generated by animal abuse.

*What were we missing?*

Eventually I grasped that everything in civilization comes down to us with a component of animal abuse. But we’re conditioned from birth not to see the animal abuse in everyday things. We are not all animal abusers. Very few people deliberately harm nonhuman animals; nearly all human beings would rescue, euthanize, or report an animal in severe pain, or deeply regret failing to do so. Often nonhuman animals are not even present, but our lifeways and the things we do cause them to suffer just the same.

Without animal abuse we would not have agriculture or sedentary

living, made feasible over thousands of years by eliminationist campaigns against countless nonhuman animals who would eat humans or their crops. We would not have buildings made from other animals’ natural homes, roads running through their worlds, cars crushing millions of them each day and splattering millions of tiny ones on windshields if not for our species’ implicit *entitlement* to abuse animals. Entire regions made safe for humans against natural predators and venomous animals, sanitized beaches lapped by oceans where sharks are not permitted to feed even though our species has decimated their natural food supply farther out. Massive dead zones in the oceans from toxic chemicals sprayed on crops to kill incalculable numbers of animals on land. We assume from birth, without being told in so many words, that we are entitled to all of this.

The rhetoric of the animal-advocacy machine characterizes nearly all atrocities as *cruel*. “Cruel factory farming.” “Cruel trapping for the fur trade.” “Cruel laboratory experiments.” But most people in animal-abuse industries have no particular desire to cause pain and suffering. They’re just riding the same human-entitlement wave as the rest of us, originating more than 50,000 years ago when a small group of human beings thought to take up organized hunting with manufactured weapons and turned a deaf ear to those who found it repugnant due to our innate herbivore morality. The complexities of civilization, its death-dealing economic and status

systems, and geographical circumstances maneuvered them toward their livelihoods.

Only a minuscule portion of animal abuse is done for the purpose of causing pain and suffering – the essence of cruelty. News covers acts of cruelty by depraved individual human beings because it raises alarms that these are dangerous people in their communities, but more farmed animals are killed each week than human beings in all wars combined,

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most of them suffering horrendously. Questioning our species’ entitlement to such mass killing would threaten the economy and our sense of our own decency.

The more I learned about animal abuse and its ubiquity and pervasiveness, the more I wanted to find a way to end it in its entirety, not just refrain from purchasing products made from or tested on nonhuman animals – known as “going vegan.” I realize I’m implicated as a beneficiary and participant in civilization, and so are all of the people I know and care about. As I explained in the fall

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2017 issue of *Persons*, aware or not, we all suffer from *moral injury* due to animal-abuse culture. Humans are by nature creatures of conscience who nurture a *moral identity*, deeply pained at seeing themselves as bad rather than good. Some even commit suicide due to suffering they've caused. I cringe to my core remembering the suffering I caused when fishing as a boy. I feel a need to say "as a boy" to shift some of the blame.

But we can't live outside of civilization. We would not know how to survive in our species' original lifeway and habitat, even if the plant foods that sustained original human beings were still there. Thus, we are powerfully moved to *rationalize* animal abuse rather than endeavor to stamp it out. Once adept at rationalizing animal abuse, we find it easy to rationalize all variety of injustice inflicted on human beings in our name. All we have to do is see authorities portray the target group as nonhu-

man animals ("rats," "swine," "cockroaches," "serpents," "predators") or as less than fully human ("criminals," "drug dealers," "welfare moms," "cheaters") – and they're free to put our tax dollars into bullets, bombs, drones, tanks, aircraft carriers, ever larger prisons.

It is easy to "fight cruelty." No one *favours* cruelty. But laws against cruelty do not reduce animal abuse and suffering; they just codify our species' innate revulsion against cruelty and provide a basis for punishing acts of cruelty. They don't address the animal abuse – the breeding, selling, enslavement – that gives cruel people such easy access to nonhuman animals artificially made by humans to be docile, obedient, defenseless, and perpetually juvenile, never mature adult members of their species. If humans didn't consider themselves entitled to enslave, slaughter, and perpetrate eugenics on chickens, for example, a small cabal of slaughterhouse workers in

Arkansas, in a case I remember from years ago, would not have had access to chickens to insert dry ice in their rectums and toss them back and forth until they exploded.

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*If the problem is entitlement and all human beings are conditioned from birth to deem themselves entitled to nonhuman animals and their natural homes, how is it possible to reduce animal abuse?*

First, we have to assume it will take a long time. Eight hundred

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animals has long been debunked and proven to be an elaborate long-term deception of the meat, dairy, fish, and egg industries through their public-relations campaigns, aided by news, schools, youth and civic organizations, family, medicine, and other institutions.

So our LGUs' stonewalling the knowledge provided by RPA does immense harm to students, the rest of the LGU community, the public, and the future wellbeing of our species and others by preventing the needed paradigm shift to something like this: All animals are persons and innately equal; human beings cannot legitimately own or use nonhuman animals; human beings are natural herbivores abused by "animal science" and its client meat, dairy, fish, and egg industries; animal-abuse culture, including "animal science," generates war, racism, genocide, misogyny, and other human misery; "animal science"

programs are sustained by careerism, conflict of interest, and corruption of our universities. (Explore [www.RPAforAll.org](http://www.RPAforAll.org) to learn more about the needed paradigm shift.)

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RPA's complaint to MSCHE explains all of that in elaborate detail, offering to provide all possible evidence

should MSCHE choose to investigate. RPA looks forward to reporting results of the complaint and is sending copies to relevant publications and authorities.

### **Support the Campaign**

RPA's 10,000 Years Is Enough campaign aims to get all of our universities out of the meat, dairy, fish, and egg industries, among our species' most powerful assaults on nonhuman animals, the living world, and human wellbeing. "Animal science" is a major obstacle to reducing animal abuse and establishing justice for all animals, including human beings.

Your financial support of RPA makes the 10,000 Years Is Enough campaign possible. I'm glad to get you started if you wish to take part in the campaign personally. Contact me anytime at [dcantor@rpa1.org](mailto:dcantor@rpa1.org), 215-886-RPA1, or P.O. Box 891, Glenside, PA 19038. ★

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 years after the Magna Carta, billions of human beings still lack equal rights, and human beings are taught that only humans can have rights.

Second, we must demand that our institutions teach the new paradigm with all animals deemed persons and innately equal, animal abuse wrong even though at present civilization and the economy are built on it. That is why RPA's campaigns all focus on powerfully influential institutions – universities, K-12 schools, the news industry. Most human beings will

agree with the animal-advocacy machine that “cruelty is wrong”; few will readily accept any nonprofit organization or author’s view that civilization must be completely remade so as to eliminate animal abuse and restore the living world.

Third, we must therefore maintain our focus on animal abuse as the root cause of nearly all human misery as well as unacceptable and unjustifiable suffering of nonhuman animals. Most people are too busy to accomplish anything over the long term if they

spread themselves thin, convincing themselves that status-quo charities and acts of kindness can create the radical paradigm shift necessary to reduce animal abuse, let alone eliminate it. Keep your faith in the right strategy over time. Don't bother with failed methods.

RPA's website, [www.RPAforAll.org](http://www.RPAforAll.org), and literature are always available free of charge to explain RPA's strategy for reducing animal abuse and its far-reaching impacts on nonhuman animals, human beings, and the living world. I am, too. ★

# Free RPA Literature

## Governing for Life: How Officials Can End Animal-Abuse Policy, Annihilation of Nature, and Resulting Human Misery by Upholding the Constitution and Its Stated Values

A free background paper from Responsible Policies for Animals  
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It is still possible for the United States to fulfill the promise of its founding documents, their Enlightenment principles, and the ongoing American Revolution, despite today's enormous miseries, injustices, and struggles and countervailing forces of “the right.” The Constitution, which all officials swear to uphold, provides the means and principles to lead the nation on a far better trajectory than the current life-destroying one. Extreme economic inequality, persistent discrimination based on skin color, sex, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, age, and other factors environmental degradation, rampant physical and mental health problems, and other factors people can change through political engagement.

Existing policies fall short in upholding the core values articulated in the Constitution – life, justice, equality, defense, tranquility, and the general welfare – because they are rooted in

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## Schooling for Life How K-12 Schools Can Help End Our Species' Millennia-Long Animal-Abuse Policy, Annihilation of Nature, and Resulting Human Misery

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Responsible Policies for Animals' (RPA's) white paper *Schooling for Life: How K-12 Schools Can Help End Our Species' Millennia-Long Animal-Abuse Policy, Annihilation of Nature, and Resulting Human Misery* is an important part of RPA's educational program aimed at establishing justice for all animals, including human beings. Ignorance of basic biology – knowledge of the kind of animal human beings are, their natural relationship to the rest of the living world, and impacts of their unnatural practices and lifestyles on themselves and other beings – is a major obstacle to justice and to sound policy capable of supplanting long-established life-destroying practices and lifestyles with those consistent with reversing the millennia-long Bicoast perpetrated by our species. See my essay “Beyond Humanism, Toward a New Animalism” for full definition, nature, and origins of the Bicoast, at the above website; hard copies available on request.

This first edition of *Schooling for Life* has four aims: (1) to assert the obligation of K-12 schools to teach children the truth about civilization's destructive impact on human beings, other animals, and the natural world; (2) to outline realities human beings must learn and live and govern by to reduce the vast scope of animal abuse and the misery it inflicts on humans and other animals; (3) to name some helpful sources on the matters at hand; and (4) to elicit comments from readers to help establish schooling for life as the norm, to improve and expand the paper for future editions, and to aid in the effort to reverse the Bicoast and reduce the misery it causes.

In three decades of animal abuse and I've encountered, biology, I consider environment, and other animals, and the natural world. Hence the situation whom I've known are knowledgeable K-12 curricula, a) extensive reading administrators, as children most need conventional wise *Schooling for Life* conundrum that recreation, and an administrators, as functioning mem systems. The task good thing reflect

## Responsible Policies for Animals' Guide to Animal Rights



All that human beings do to and with other animals and their natural homes is animal abuse. Animal abuse has increased for more than 50,000 years. It has never been reduced. A political movement for equal rights of all animals is needed to reduce animal abuse and human misery and bring the American Revolution into the 21st century.

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## The Case for Ending “Animal Science” Documented

A White Paper from Responsible Policies for Animals  
 By David Cantor, Executive Director, Responsible Policies for Animals  
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“Animal science” – training, propaganda, research, sales, and public relations for the meat, dairy, fish, and egg industries at our land-grant universities’ colleges of agriculture – is devastating to human health and wellbeing, nonhuman animals, and Earth's ecosystems, and contrary to basic principles of education. Rooted in beliefs debunked by many fields of study, “animal science” is the most insidious instance of academic conflict of interest. The sources listed after the assertion in this document represent a vast body of work showing how anachronistic and destructive “animal science” is and why our universities must eliminate it.

Inclusion in this document does not mean a source or its author(s) promotes an end to “animal science” or endorses any assertion, claim, argument, activity, objective, or goal of Responsible Policies for Animals.

Formal. Each section of *The Case Against “Animal Science” Documented* consists of a statement contributing to the argument that “animal science” should be eliminated, followed by sources, listed in alphabetical order by author, that provide knowledge, information, and analysis supporting the anti-“animal science” statement.

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► Universities dominate the schools, families, and human beings eat, agriculture.

## HUMAN MISERY: THE ANIMAL-ABUSE FACTOR

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Animal abuse is far more than we're told. It shapes our daily lives. And if we don't work to eliminate it, we will never experience peace, justice, health, or other aspects of a fulfilling life.

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A longtime “animal science” instructor, Professor Alan H. King, replied to Bethany’s email – amazingly invoking not science in support of continuing “animal science” at Rutgers but personal insults and religion. “It appears you don’t have much regard for the Word of God (Bible) which tells us He provided animals for humans’ use and food (Gen1:26; 9:2-3; I Tim 4:3-5)” (sic).

Of course, there is no evidence for such assertions, and both the public and the academic community have a legitimate expectation that university programs are based on empirical facts. Bethany published a second letter in the *Daily Targum* to that effect, repeating that “animal science” is based on deception, whether secular or religious, and industry influence.

In response to her first *Daily Targum* letter, Bethany received an email from an “animal science” major planning to become a veterinarian, illustrating a major component of the indoctrination “animal science” is based on: that animals are not abused as long as owners “do [their] best to provide the proper food, enrichment and enough space to give our animals room to roam and live out their lives ... and provide immediate care for any sick or injured animal.”

“Animal science” keeps our species blind to the reality that all that human

beings do to and with other animals is abuse – since it is maltreatment, all of it done for humans and not for the other animals whom they tyrannize.

Bethany writes *The Vegan Vine* blog, at [VeganVine.blogspot.com](http://VeganVine.blogspot.com). She promotes RPA at the blog’s homepage and sometimes in her blog posts as well.

► Rights advocate and one-time RPA intern Ben Lotka wrote letters to his state representative in Pennsylvania and to many influential U.S. legislators. He explained the need to eliminate “animal science” at our LGUs and why punishing cruelty to animals at the margins rather than striking at the roots of animal-abuse culture cannot reduce animal abuse or the human misery it causes.

Ben regularly writes to authors at the forefront of progressive or radical thought regarding injustice toward human beings, revealing to them why animal abuse is a root cause of problems they seek to address and why the human plight cannot improve until progress is made toward reducing animal abuse.

He also submits letters-to-the-editor about the need to promote equal rights of all animals rather than merely promote compassion, veganism, or other personal practices that do not affect policy.

Recognizing that nonhuman animals bred by human beings cannot lead fulfilling lives, Ben is introducing friends and acquaintances to Dr. Charles Danten’s important book *Slaves of Our Affection: The Myth of the Happy Pet*. Danten, a long-time veterinarian in Canada, closed his practice after recognizing that the pet industries and their allied industries subject dogs and cats to agonizing conditions from selective breeding as well as debasement, poor nutrition and health, and lives of isolation, anxiety and fear.

Contact RPA if you might wish to read *Slaves of Our Affection*. We have a limited number of copies on hand for RPA members.

► Jane Wells, a recent RPA member, has already written to the president of Colorado State University, her state’s main LGU, giving her perspective on the need to eliminate “animal science.” She also wrote to the top executives of the University of Arizona, University of California Davis, and Texas A & M University.

Contact RPA if you might wish to take part in RPA’s 10,000 Years Is Enough campaign, Campaign K-12, *Elephant in the Newsroom* campaign, or other activities. ★

## A Vision of Peace for All Beings

**H**uman beings by their nature crave peace. Has the condition making health, wellbeing, love, and hope possible. Peace is not merely the absence of war but an end to the conditions that generate war. Those conditions have persisted for many thousands of years, since human beings made animal abuse the basis of their lifeways.

Eventual peace will mean all animals are free-living and autonomous, their natural homes restored, human beings living by a less-is-more principle, not unprincipled entitlement and acqui-

sition, and by their innate respectful and altruistic nature, not the manufactured Biocaust.

By our actions today demanding that our institutions abandon the falsehoods that prevent peace and that they teach the truth about animals and the living world, we make peace possible tomorrow. Thank you for all that you do toward peace.

– David Cantor