
CAN ALL THESE COUNTRIES BE WRONG?

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At: Mon, Sep 17, 2018 at 8:09 PM

Dear Councilmembers:

Here is a list of entire countries that have banned fur since 2000, beginning with the United Kingdom:

United Kingdom 2000

Austria 2004

Netherlands, the EU's 2nd Largest mink producer, is phasing out by 2024

Croatia 2018

Slovenia 2013

Czech Republic 2017

Norway 2018

Luxembourg 2018

Belgium 2018

Surely this would give anyone pause. Just look at the map of all the countries banning fur farms.

They have seen the brutal truth. We can no longer ignore the facts. There is no humanity in fur farms. There is no humanity in the global fur trade.

Map at following link:

SOURCE: <https://www.furfreealliance.com/fur-bans/>

If you were a dog or cat on the kill floor, about to be skinned alive for your fur to become fur trim, how would you feel?

If you were a mink, getting bludgeoned to death, or your neck snapped, or both, but still conscious as you're being skinned alive, how would you feel?

If you were a fox getting anal or vaginally electrocuted, and still conscious as you're skinned alive, how would you feel?

If you were a critically endangered tiger, bred on a tiger farm, drugged so you couldn't fight back, but fully conscious while you are skinned alive, and then, left to die gasping in agony,

how would you feel?

How would you feel if you knew the fur industry told people your life and your torture didn't matter; that these claims are exaggerated lies, or happen seldom, only in developing countries, never in the US or on a European fur processing plant?

There is no humanity in the destructive, cruel fur industry. Don't buy their lies, delivered to you by their polished suits. Please join the many countries that are disgusted by the cruelty and the lies; that now are taking a stand for compassion.

The animals do have voices. They are crying. We are just not there to be with them, to hear them screaming in this manmade horror house for innocent sentient beings.

May we become in actuality the humane and civilized society we like to think of ourselves as being.

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Please vote YES: fur free LA!

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Esteemed councilmembers,

I'm writing for your strong support to make LA fur free. Many, even most people I've spoken with are in favor of bolder steps towards a cruelty-free economy. Your willingness to have this discussion proves again that LA is a trendsetter that stands to powerfully influence cities around the world. You'd be among the first to create a change that history will well-regard for both ethical and environmental reasons.

There is a long list of reasons for why fur products are unjust, unsustainable and unjustifiable in the modern day, but the core is simple and self-evident: fur animals don't have to be human to suffer the same psychological and physical torture we would in their place. We protect many animals on this basis, companion animals who feel no less agony and terror than fur animals. We protect the animals among us because their preventable mistreatment and tortures would traumatize us to our core - especially if done to create products we don't need and for which we have ample and luxurious substitutes. **The brutalization of fur animals has largely continued because it's out of view. But the public is learning the facts of fur, bearing witness to videos, and increasingly supports righting these longstanding wrongs.**

Fur animals live with constant misery, deprived of everything that would make their lives worthwhile. They die in agony for a product humans can live without. Businesses can make money on sustainable, gorgeous faux fur alternatives. Impressive options are only increasing as the cruelty-free market grows.

Councilmembers, LA can powerfully lead this initiative to protect the environment, better steward natural resources and spare innocent, terrorized animals from unthinkable fates. Please put an end to the sale of these unjust, needless products by voting Yes on the LA Fur Ban. In doing so you'll protect your consumers from unwittingly funding extreme violence against animals, and oppose products that cause suffering and environmental destruction. You'll also stimulate the entrepreneurial growth of products and companies that are innovative, animal-friendly and environmentally conscious. Please join the almost 20 countries who have already banned, or are presently phasing out, fur farms for similar reasons. I've included additional context below for your consideration.

Thank you for your time and support on this important matter,

Amy Hendry

—Each year, more than 1 billion rabbits and 50 million other animals like foxes, seals, mink, bobcats, dogs, and others are killed for their pelts. 80-85% are raised in prison conditions on fur farms (and 15-20% are brutally taken from the wild).

—Fur is not a by-product of the meat industry. Meat industry pelts are discarded because the conditions meat animals are raised in quickly result in filthy, matted, unusable pelts.

—Fur trim is not the byproduct of the production of full-length garments. Thousands of additional animals must be killed solely to source "fur-trimmed" garments.

—Experience and evidence show profitable fur farming can never be humane.

—Fur farms are not a humane alternative to trapping.

—Fur farms regulate themselves and don't have to report to any regulatory commission.

—Investigations confirm that fur farming is synonymous with routine, inherent misery to animals from birth to death. Fur animals are confined in stressful and painful conditions that deprive them of basic natural and social behaviors. Injuries and illness are left untreated and extreme desperation called zoochosis and self-mutilation are not uncommon.

—Fur deaths are always violent. All regulated means involve considerable agony, which include neck breaking, applying electricity to the anus and genitals (frying the animals from the inside out), poison gases (observed to make dogs shriek while their lungs burn on chemical fire as they suffocate) and more. In countries without regulation, animals are routinely beaten to death (sometimes slowly), beaten to near-death and skinned alive, hung to strangle for long moments and more. Pink bodies lift their heads suffering on piles of other bodies sometimes for moments after they've been skinned. **Investigations worldwide document the haunting cries and desperate thrashing of both regulated and unregulated kill methods.**

—More than 2,500 studies and the Cambridge Declaration of Animal Sentience document animal sentience with a body of research that is strong and growing. Some animal species have already been documented to be self-aware; mice, rats, chickens and countless others show empathy. **“Individuals from a wide variety of species experience emotions ranging from joy and happiness to deep sadness, grief, and post-traumatic stress disorder, along with empathy, jealousy and resentment.”**

—Fur farms and fur production cause significant pollution as well as harm to human health.

—Investigations show that although illegal, dog and cat fur is purposefully mislabeled by unscrupulous suppliers in China as species such as fox, rabbit or mink has been confirmed in the US on multiple occasions. In China, dogs, cats and other animals:

- Are fed a watery food waste sludge that resembles vomit, resulting in painful disease, malnutrition and death, and not provided clean water.
- Live their entire lives in wire cages subjected to bitter cold and extreme heat, never touching the ground until the day they are dragged across it to be killed or transported for slaughter.
- Are tightly packed into painfully small wire cages for transport, crammed against dozens of other animals without room even to stretch their limbs. They may stay there immobilized for days without food and water. Their bones are often broken and paws mangled as cages are roughly slammed around, or endure shattered bones when cages are tossed off the top of transport trucks upon arrival.
- Still have collars on in some cases, evidence of their former lives as beloved companions. Surveillance videos show thieves stealing companion animals out of neighborhood yards where they end up in the meat and fur trades.

We are the jury. And we vote for Compassion.1 message

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To the City Councilmembers of Los Angeles:

I am a resident of Los Angeles.

We could spend hours, and weeks debating Pro Fur vs. Fur Free. But at the end of the day, this vote is a choice between compassion versus cruelty.

For many decades we have witnessed the most horrific torture and abuse of animals for commercial enterprise. The most recent underground investigations are showing us there is no letting up on the torture of innocent helpless fur animals.

The global fur trade has been exposed for its inexcusable, unconscionable cruelty to animals the world has ever witnessed. And yet, it continues, with no signs of declining on its own volition, without forces of change by enactment of humane laws. The only way to stop it, is to ban fur in our cities altogether. Cities, and entire countries are now closing fur farms, or implementing fur ban ordinances. *London Fashion* week most recently altogether banned fur from their fashion shows.

At long last, our world is significantly changing toward a more humane and compassionate society. We are moving toward a truly, actualized humane society, that we've always *claimed* to be.

The fur industry is infested with illegal wildlife poaching and trafficking; the torture of millions of dogs and cats, their fur inseparable and ubiquitous in the global fur trade; and the torture and abuse of 40 million farmed fur animals every year.

China is the largest manufacturer of fur, and processes 85% of the world's fur animals. Their "processing" of fur animals is unequivocally reprehensible abusive, neglectful, and soul crushingly cruel; with the ultimate price of unendurable, blood-curdling torture of a sentient being skinned alive for their own beautiful fur they were born with.

There is no need to call a jury. We are the jury; millions of people all over the world that see this wrong; who refuse to look away. And refuse to go away. We will not stop being their voices.

The vote for humanity, justice, and compassion is tomorrow, September 18th. Please stand on the side of compassion.

For the passed victims,
whose anguished voices cried out in their final hours, but were not heard,

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