

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I've never seen the rodeo until today. I thought i would go see with an open mind. Yes, i knew there was a chance I may not like it but I had no idea the degree of trauma it would invoke. I saw three babies, small calves run super fast only to be snatched by the neck with a rope. They are going fast so it is a violent, intense jerk and then they are SLAMMED onto the ground. Their feet are tied as well. My eyes were immediately tearing up. That poor animals. I'm immediately confused. Why? How.... Does anyone want to watch this for sport. I understand there may be a time and a place where these skills are necessary and when used humanely and with a thread of caution could provide safety for the animal in another element. But THIS, this is not that. This is not necessary. Would we watch a child get beat? Would you watch a woman be abused? Would we watch someone carelessly throw around an elderly person? Why then would we watch one of God's beautiful creations be abused and hurt and scared for sport??? Would we say is ok to beat the child because it won't die and is still walking?? Of course not. So why would we watch an innocent life of any form experience this? I lasted less than two minutes. Its heartbreaking, nauseating, devastating, and traumatizing.... And I'm not even the one who had a rope on my neck. ... It's inhumane for the monsters to TORTURE animals for sport! Where else is this acceptable??? Who decides what lives are acceptable to be abused and tortured and which ones are not? If it was a dog, a tiger or a human, they would be in jail! Why is this ANY different?!? It's evil and abusive to torture these beautiful animals. I am ASHAMED i went to see. It hurts to my soul. It hurt my spirit. I'm damaged from just witnessing this. I left my friends and walked home. But these animals don't get to walk away. They will get roped and slammed and scared and tortured again tomorrow. And the day after that. And the day after that. BAN THE TORTURE OF ANIMALS FOR SPORT! This shouldn't even be a topic of debate or conversation. It's not ok to hurt, torment, torture or abuse ANY life. Why are we making an exception for just these animals??? God did not make creatures for this reason.