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**Animal Aid has persuaded the leading supermarkets to insist that all their slaughterhouse suppliers install CCTV cameras.**

But there is still vital work to be done to ensure that the cameras are operated correctly and that offenders are dealt with. If properly used, cameras could help end the illegal brutality that we found during our investigations but they won't stop animals from suffering. Slaughter is a traumatic and horrific experience and there is no such thing as 'humane slaughter'.

**That is why we urge people to adopt an animal-free diet.**



**Slaughterman stands on a writhing calf to hold him still.**



# SLAUGHTERHOUSE SUFFERING

'Humane slaughter' is the term used for the way the vast majority of animals are killed in British abattoirs. Most people are comforted to think that the animals who end up as meat on their dinner plates are treated with compassion in their last moments...

**But how honest is the term 'humane slaughter'?**





Goats are desperate to escape the electric tongs.

**In January 2009, Animal Aid embarked on an unprecedented undercover investigation of English abattoirs.**

Since then, we have secretly filmed in nine randomly chosen slaughterhouses in eight counties. They killed pigs, sheep, cows and goats.



Moving in with the electric tongs...

## **In eight out of nine abattoirs investigated, we found evidence of cruelty, bad practice and incompetence. Among the scenes we captured were:**

- pigs being repeatedly kicked in the head
- sheep being picked up by ears and fleeces and thrown across the room
- pigs falling from the slaughter line into the blood pit and being dragged out and re-shackled while other pigs looked on
- a ewe being stunned and killed while her lamb was suckling her
- incompetent and even sadistic use of electric stunning tongs
- animals being killed without proper stunning
- animals screaming and struggling to escape



A ewe is stunned while her lamb suckles.



A cow waits to be shot in the head with a 'captive bolt'.



A sow is shocked across the body.

**None of these abuses would have come to light without Animal Aid's intervention.**

The sadist we filmed at an Essex abattoir would probably still be in his job, untroubled by an official 'monitoring system' that clearly failed the animals. This individual used stunning tongs – not across the skull to knock animals unconscious before their throats were cut – but on the snout, tail and body and even in their open mouths. The use of tongs in this way simply gives animals agonising electric shocks.



Slaughterman sharpens his knife as two pigs cower...