

Animal rights true or false ANSWERS



1. Most animals farmed in the UK live outside on free-range farms
FALSE - the vast majority are farmed inside in sheds or cages, this is called factory farming
2. Sentience is the ability to feel things such as feelings and emotions
TRUE - sentient beings have the capacity to experience positive and negative feelings that matter to them such as excitement, joy, fear
3. Farming animals for their fur is banned in the EU
FALSE - although a number of countries within the EU have banned it
4. It is illegal to cause pain or suffering to animals who are experimented on
FALSE - according to Home Office statistics, around 30% of experiments cause moderate to severe pain or distress
5. Most animals farmed for meat are killed before they are one year old
TRUE - pigs are around six months old when they are killed for meat. Chickens, just six weeks old
6. Male chicks born into the egg industry are usually raised for meat
FALSE - they don't grow fast or large enough to make money, so they are usually killed when they are just one day old
7. Animal rights means giving other animals the same legal rights as humans
FALSE - It means giving animals basic rights such as freedom from exploitation, the right to life and freedom
8. Some people support better treatment of animals without believing animals have rights
TRUE - some people support animal welfare. They prioritise the needs of humans but believe the pain and suffering inflicted on animals should be minimised. People who support animal rights believe that animal freedom is more valuable than human taste, fashion or entertainment
9. Monkeys are no longer experimented on in the UK
FALSE - according to the Home Office, thousands of procedures are still carried out on monkeys every year
10. Fish cannot feel pain
FALSE - the overwhelming scientific consensus is that they do
11. Pigs are smarter than dogs
TRUE - pigs have excellent long-term memory; they can use tools and solve problems
12. Farming animals is one of the leading causes of species extinction
TRUE - forests, grasslands and other habitats are cleared for grazing animals or growing crops to feed them. This destroys wildlife habitats and threatens thousands of species