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#### ANIMAL CARE IN FOOD PROCESSESING NEEDS TO CHANGE

The government has been allowing the mistreatment of animals in their care and the way their meat is processed. These actions are wrong in every moral aspect. Millions of animals die every day to produce hamburger patties, chicken nuggets, and wieners. These animals suffer a gruesome and painful death. "They blink. They make noises," he said softly. "The head moves, the eyes are wide and looking around." Many cattle were still alive by the time they reached Ramon Moreno's station at a slaughterhouse, where they should have already been dead.

Many birds go through a debeaking process. This prevents birds from feather pecking and cannibalism seen among stressed, over-crowded birds. Ian Duncan, a poultry researcher at the University of Guelph in Ontario, said "there is now good morphological, neurophysiological, and behavioral evidence that beak trimming leads to both acute and chronic pain".

There is also the issue of animals, most commonly chickens, dying every day because their organs can't keep up. They are kept in areas where they never have the chance to do anything that is natural or important to them. Extreme crowding and confinement lead to outbreaks of disease, and they grow so large so quickly that their legs and organs can't keep up. This heightens the risk of heart attacks, organ failure, and leg deformities. Dr. Chris Evans, administrator of the animal behaviour lab at Australia's Macquarie University, says, "As a trick at conferences, I sometimes list [chickens'] attributes, without mentioning chickens, and people think I'm talking about monkeys".

Many people choose to ignore what the government does and allows; they choose to do nothing about the pain they put animals through. What most people don't realize is that animals have feelings just like humans do, and that they are in more pain and misery than most people will ever know in their lifetime. They don't deserve that kind of pain. If you wouldn't do that to another human being, you shouldn't do it to an animal either. What they go through for a few meat patties, or nuggets, or even wieners, is inhumane. This method needs to change, make it humane.