



Bringing Awareness to the Suffering of Animals

Dharma Voices for Animals (DVA) is a nonprofit organization committed both to practicing the teachings of the Buddha (the Dharma) and to speaking out when animal suffering is supported by the actions of those in Dharma communities and by the policies of Dharma centers.

DVA plays a unique role clarifying the relationship between humans and other sentient beings. We do this by examining our duties and responsibilities toward them, exploring the ways in which, by causing harm, we act contrary to the Dharma, and suggesting ways in which we can change our habits to live in greater harmony with the Dharma and all beings.

We have many ongoing projects, including the following:

- Advocacy within the **World Fellowship of Buddhists**, the largest worldwide Buddhist organization, to promote compassion for animals around the world.
- **Dharma Voices for Animals Chapters** in cities around the world.
- An **Educational/Advocacy Film** titled *Animals and the Dharma* to be freely distributed for viewing and discussion.
- Written materials on what the specific **Theravada and Mahayana teachings** say about our relationship to animals.
- Encouragement for **Dharma Teachers** to be a voice for animals.
- **A training program for Future Dharma Teachers** to aid them in leading their Sanghas toward greater compassion for all sentient beings.
- Our **Eyes and Ears Project** aimed at identifying and engaging with Buddhist institutions and organizations to discuss their policies regarding animals (food, cleaning products, etc.).
- **Compassionate Policy Guidelines** for Buddhist Sanghas, retreat centers, and other institutions.
- **Free Mentoring** for committed Buddhists making the transition to a plant-based diet and compassionate lifestyle.
- **Free Buddhist Vegetarian/Vegan Books** which are classics.

We want to be the voice of the animals who cannot speak our language and are unable to ask, “Why are you paying people to do this to me?” or “Why are you supporting my suffering?” We want to support those who are willing to speak out about the harm we cause other sentient beings when we eat them, use their body parts as clothing and in other ways, or use household and personal hygiene products that are tested on animals.

We Need Your Help! Become a member of Dharma Voices for Animals today and encourage your Dharma friends to join. It is free, fast, and meritorious! To join or volunteer, please visit: www.DharmaVoicesforAnimals.org