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Animals' Lives Matter

If your loved one suddenly disappeared, what would you think?
If your loved one was killed by someone, what would you think?
Probably no one would feel happy. These things will overwhelm you with sadness. However, these situations have become commonplace in the animal world. We humans are killing innocent animals.

“Slaughter”, “Animal experiment”, “Food animal”, - I think you have heard these words. Killed animals are someone’s precious mother, or friend, or lover. They were someone’s loved one. Is it permitted to kill others if they are not human? If it benefits humans, can we kill them? Today, I would like to talk to you about animals’ lives. I want you to think about animals – many of which have been sacrificed, even while I’m talking to you.

“38,444” what’s this number? This is how many dogs and cats

were culled at animal shelters in Japan in 2018. The number of these killings is decreasing every year, but I want it to be zero. We should not be killing any pets. In the beginning, humans lived side by side with dogs and cats. But nowadays, humans abandon pets. Don't you think it's strange? People who abandon animals are irresponsible. Maybe they find out that having a pet is prohibited in their apartment, or that their pet got sick, or maybe the owner just didn't have enough money to buy food for their pet. But none of these is a good reason for abandoning another living creature.

Let me tell you about another terrible thing. When you go to a pet shop, maybe you thought that the puppies and kittens were so lovely. However, what happens in the background is really terrible. There are Puppy and Kitten mills, or factories, where mother dogs and cats are kept in a horrible environment. Employees feed them only the minimum amount and the hygiene is far from perfect. This is done to keep the costs down. Even if they get sick, the animals will not be taken to the vet. Besides that,

they are forced to become pregnant and give birth repeatedly. These factories don't treat them as animals. The animals are just a product for the factories. The factory owners think money is more important than animals' lives. When these animals are no longer useful, they are abandoned. Unsold puppies and kittens in pet shops are abandoned too.

Do you know what happens them all after they're abandoned? They are taken in by an animal shelter, and wait for a foster home to be found. But probably they won't find foster home, and instead they'll be killed. The general method is to put the animals in a small room and fill it with carbon dioxide gas and let them die. Finally, their remains are burned. Sometimes young dogs and cats may survive for 10 minutes or more, even after breathing the carbon dioxide. That means they can only suffer while watching their friends die. Can we push this cruel reality away? Can we pretend it doesn't happen? Can you imagine a situation like this happening to people? It is very hard to do so because the world revolves around us humans.

How can we save these animals? First, if you want to have a pet, you should get one from the animal protection center, not from the pet shop. By doing so, you can save one life that otherwise would have been sacrificed. If everyone around the world made such a choice, the day when no unwanted pets would be slaughtered, would not be so far away. We need to start paying more respect to other animals we share this world with.

If you interested in animals' lives, please check out this website "JAVA".

Thank you for listening and your time.