Animal Ethics Reading
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Week 1: Animal Ethics Foundation

- What is Moral Standing? Do Animals Have It?
  - Animals & Ethics, pp. 7-31
- History of Animal Ethics as A Movement
  - Animals & Ethics, pp. 33-56
  - The Animal Ethics Reader, pp.1-12
  - Abbate, Animal Ethics
- Rights Discussion
  - Animals and Ethics, pp. 57-73, 83-85
  - Animal Ethics Reader:
    - pp. 15-21 (Tom Regan)
    - pp. 26-31 (Paola Cavalieri)
    - pp. 665-671 (Steven Wise)
    - pp. 53-64 (Sue Donaldson & Will Kymlicka)

Week 2: Approaches to Animal Ethics

- Utilitarianism
  - Animals & Ethics: pp. 73-83
  - Animal Ethics Reader: pp. 32-41 (Peter Singer)
- Contractarianism,
  - Animals & Ethics: pp. 78-79
- Feminism
  - Animals & Ethics: pp. 79-83
  - Animal Ethics Reader: pp. 42-49 (Josephine Donovan)
- Virtue Ethics
  - Animals & Ethics: p. 83
  - Rosalind Hursthouse, Applying Virtue Ethics to the Treatment of the Other Animals
- Capabilities
  - Animals & Ethics: pp. 85-89
  - Martha Nussbaum, Beyond "Compassion and Humanity"

Week 3: Empirical Discoveries about Animals

Animal Capacities

- Animal Ethics Reader: pp. 65-66
  - Methodology, pp. 83-86 (Barbara Smuts)
  - Pain, pp. 109-115 (Bernard Rollin)
  - Consciousness, pp. 140-148 (Donald Griffin & Gayle Speck)
Week 4: Ethical Issues in Context

- **Raising and Eating Animals for Food**
  - Animals & Ethics: pp. 91-107
  - Animal Ethics Reader: pp. 251-257 (Temple Grandin); 258-268 (Pew Report)
  - Cora Diamond, *Eating Meat and Eating People*
  - *What are Farm Animals Thinking?*

- **Hunting & Trapping**
  - Animals & Ethics: pp. 107-118; 168-169 (top)
  - Animal Ethics Reader: pp. 489-493 (Aldo Leopold); 514-522 (Alastair Gunn)

- **Experimentation (including genetic)**
  - Animals & Ethics: pp. 119-145
  - Animal Ethics Reader:
    - Basic Legal Framework, pp. 680-685 (Stephen Latham)
    - Common Sense Approach, 309-320 (Mylan Engel)
    - Rodents, pp. 339-346 (Lynda Birke)
    - A Moral Science, pp. 347-351 (Bernard Rollin)
    - Species Boundaries, pp. 405-414 (Jason Scott Robert & Francoise Baylis)
    - Genetic Engineering, pp. 449-455 (Bernard Rollin)
    - Animal Integrity, pp. 456-462 (Bernice Bovenkerk, Frans Brom & Babs van den Bergh)

Week 5: Animals in Captivity

- **Zoos and Captive Facilities**
  - Animals & Ethics: pp. 169-174
  - Animal Ethics Reader:
    - Zoos, pp. 576-582 (Dale Jameison); 582-590 (Michael Hutchins, Brandie Smith & Ruth Allard)
    - Captive Elephants, p. 575 (Kristin Vehrs)
    - Captive Chimpanzees, pp. 196-201 (Jane Goodall)

- **Entertainment**
  - Animal Ethics Reader:
    - Cetacean Captivity, pp. 563-572 (Lori Marino)
    - Releasing Captive Cetaceans, pp. 573-574 (Marc Scheff)
**Week 6: Companion Animals**

- Animal Ethics Reader:
  - pp. 613-615 (Paul Shepard)
  - pp. 619-621 (Freya Mathews)
  - pp. 646-649 (Diane Leigh & Marilee Geyer)
  - pp. 635-638 (Alan Brantley)
  - "Pets": The Inherent Problems of Domestication
  - Should we stop keeping pets? Why more and more ethicists say yes

**Week 7: Animal Advocacy and the Future**

Compatibility of Animal and Environmental Ethics

- Animals & Ethics: pp. 147-174
- Animal Ethics Reader
  - Ecological Ethics, pp 387-394 Ben Minteer & James Collins
- Conservation and Individual Animals, Marc Bekoff & Camilla Fox
- US Government Wants Hunters to Shoot 500,000 Owls

Activist Strategies

- Non-Violence
  - Animals & Ethics, pp. 175-186
  - Animal Ethics Reader: pp. 696-700 (Tom Regan)
- Effective Altruism
  - Animal Ethics Reader: pp. 705-710 (Peter Singer)