

Membership / Donations

- I would like to support the work of the „Arbeitsgemeinschaft für artgerechte Nutztierhaltung“ e.V. from now on by becoming a sustaining member with an annual contribution of €
(in words:
(minimum: € 24,- / year).
- I make a donation of €

Manner of Payment:

- I have enclosed a collection-only cheque.
- I am transferring my donation to the account of AGfaN e.V. at the Sparkasse Harburg-Buxtehude
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- I authorize the „Arbeitsgemeinschaft für artgerechte Nutztierhaltung“ e.V. to withdraw from my account a
 - monthly amount of €
 - yearly amount of €.....

_____ bank

_____ banking code

_____ account number

_____ name, first name

_____ street / house no.

_____ postal code / town

_____ date / signature
(in the case of non-adults, signature of parent or person in charge)

We About Ourselves:

The **Arbeitsgemeinschaft für artgerechte Nutztierhaltung e.V. (AGfaN)** has been active as an initiative in Hamburg and surroundings since 1980. We have been a registered association since 2002.

The **AGfaN e.V.** is recognised as a non-profit and particularly eligible organisation. Donations and membership fees are tax-deductible (notice of exemption, Hamburg



Tax Authority, Sept. 5th, 2000 (tax number 17/401/08502).

The beak on the left is clipped, the one on the right is normal. Beak clipping is still a legal procedure and customary in practice! 80% of the nerve-ends are situated in the tip of the beak. The amputation can be compared with the cutting off of the upper lip !

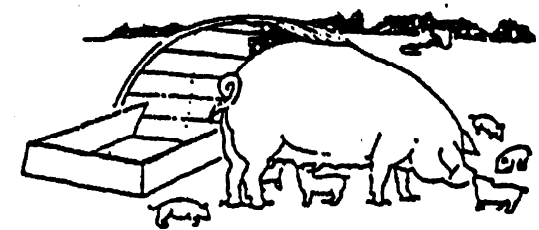
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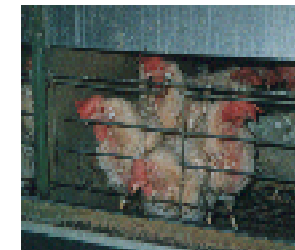
conditions in intensive farming, ducks are not given any possibility for bathing. This often leads to inflammations of the eyes. The upper beaks of the Muskovy ducks („flying“ ducks) are also being clipped! Refrain from eating products from tortured animals!

Arbeitsgemeinschaft für artgerechte Nutztierhaltung (AGfaN) e.V.

acknowledged as non-commercial and particularly deserving animal welfare association



Animals need light, air, and freedom of movement – just like human beings do. We therefore demand:



Not this way.....

...but this way

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Animal Protection is Protection of Human Beings ! Why is this so?

Our health:

- **Today, about 50% of the antibiotics production enters into the bodies of the animals.** Due to the irresponsibly high application of medicaments, livestock farming became a breeding ground for multiresistant pathogens.
- **Our currently practised consumption of meat makes us ill.** Nutritionists therefore recommend only one to two meals with meat a week. Persons observing this recommendation increase their life expectancy and suffer less from civilisation diseases (like for example coronary diseases, cardiovascular diseases, cancer, and rheumatism) !

The social aspect:

- Quite often, farmers earn so little that they have to give up their family farms. They need fair prices.
- For the greatest part, feed is imported from states of the Third World where the local population has to suffer from the lack of nutrition (soy, tapioca, grains). Further, they often employ pesticides there which have long been forbidden in our part of the world. These toxins are harmful for the workers and inhabitants in the vicinity of fields and plantations.

Environmental protection:

- The environment is also polluted due to the huge number of agricultural utilisation animals. Intensive farming requires enormous amounts of water and energy (approx. 160 l of water go into the production of one hamburger!). Excessive liquid manure disturbs the water balance in rivers, in the North Sea and in the

Baltic Sea. Methane from ruminants is an ozone killer!

The Suffering of the Animals

- **Turkeys are crammed together in huge production halls** (52-58 kg of live weight/m² = 2.7 males or 4.9 females per m²). Most of them suffer from inflammations of the joints, chest-blisters, and deformed bone frames. Studies on pain reducing medicaments proved the pain animals suffer. The situation of broiler chicken is identical (23-25 animals /m²!!!).
- **Male chicken of egg-laying breeds are still gassed or shredded immediately after hatching.**
- **Also the new kind of cage-management of hens means lifelong suffering and constriction** in twilight on wired grating; it means broken bones, deformed claws, lack of feathers, 12 months of pain and cruelty.
- **Pigs with similar intelligence to that of dogs are kept in half-light on slatted floors in painful constriction or in box-stands.** Due to the permanent breathing in of the stench of their faeces and urine (liquid manure), which rises up through the slatted floors, serious diseases of the respiratory organs occur.

What makes our engagement so important now ?

- **As enormous amounts of medication are administered in intensive farming (see "Our health"), the pharmaceutical industry has a strong interest in leaving everything as it is.** Farmers' Union, ima, and pharmaceutical industry try to convince us and our children with free information material of a perfect world.

- **Only if we keep on putting pressure on politics, things will be changing!**

And this is what AGfaN e.V. is doing:

- **We disclose deplorable situations and show the sad reality in animal managements and current topics.**
- **We inform consumers on healthy nutrition and offer shopping tips.** We tell you for example where you can buy eggs and meats of animals from species-appropriate livestock farming.
- **We are seeking dialogue with farmers, with environmental and consumers' associations, and with politicians.**
- **We deliver our opinions on draft laws and decrees, and we offer our own suggestions.**
- **We are permanently educating ourselves; we participate in congresses and trade fairs, visit agricultural units, and form networks in order to be up to date.**
- **We collect signatures for issues of particular current concern.**
- **We advise teachers on the project subject of "Animal Protection at School".**

ALL THIS REQUIRES MONEY !

For the progress of our work, we need your support by a donation or by a sustaining membership.

If you like an active cooperation with us, you are most welcome!

Thank you very much for your support !

Our bank connection for your donation:

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