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Who pays for animal experiments? You do. Each year, \$12-18 billion taxpayer dollars fund a system flawed by error and deception. That's a low estimate. The real cost to poison, mutilate and kill animals is publicly unknown.

"Animal research has a 92% failure rate. Just 8% of drugs in Phase 1 and 2 trials reach the marketplace and half of products fail in late stage Phase 3 trials." Lester M. Crawford, past Food And Drug Admin Commissioner

Animal data creates false assumptions that speed products from trial to market. But dogs, cats, primates, mice...don't metabolize drugs or get sick the way we do. The result? Unforeseen side effects in people. Adverse Drug Reactions are the 4th top cause of USA fatality. Over 2 million people annually suffer ADR disability and 100,000 die. U.S. FDA Administration

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Human-related biotechnology is evolving with cellular, genomic and computational tools. But most grants still waste money and time on animal tests. "A major prototype shift is urged, that focuses on cellular components...of human origin." National Academy of Sciences, USA

Ask legislators to use tax dollars for research that helps humans. We can do a lot better — for animals and people. **"The real choice is not between dogs and children, it is between good science and bad science."** *Ph.D. Robert Sharpe The Cruel Deception*

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Not exactly.

Animals can't mimic the human response to drugs, disease or surgery. Why do your tax dollars pay to cut, poison and burn millions every year?

Animal-free research is evolving with human-related cellular, genomic and computational tools. But support is needed to speed development.

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It didn't work in humans

Dr. Richard Klausner, Nat'l Institute of Cancer

Mice make 100 times more cancer-fighting vitamin C than humans. Why do your tax dollars still fund futile animal tests? Support human-focused research. Support better science.



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ST. LOUIS ANIMAL RIGHTS TEAM 314-851-0928 ► start@envirolink.org PO Box 28501 ▲ St. Louis, MO 63146 www.enviroweb.org/start One is your pet the other your coat?



Animals need fur, you don't

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ANIMAL Experiments...

offer the illusion of control. We create false data which, combined with differences in species, make efforts to apply the results to man, useless. *Dr. Roger E. Ulrich* www.start.enviroweb.org St. Louis Animal Rights Team



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how circus trainers control wild animals. Paul Waldau, DVM, Tufts University "Entertainment" shouldn't hurt this much. Attend animal-free circuses only. START • www.start.enviroweb.org

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Fialuridine cured hepatitis in a dog lab

It caused liver failure in 7 of 15 humans

No one knows which animal-tested drugs lead to human disability or death till human populations use them. Animals do not metabolize drugs the same way we do.

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Sport or...



recreational murder?

Nature has no surplus animals. Hunters invent them—to kill.

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In the circus, you see a slave.



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Can they talk? No. Can they reason? Likely.



Can they suffer? Definitely.

Go vegan: For your health, the environment, the animals.

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Trapped, gassed poisoned...



Keep fur on its original owner.

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WHEN YOU BUY GUESS WHO NEVER FINDS A HOME?

After his humans left him at a shelter, Dog #52865 searched for a familiar face. Each year, USA shelters destroy 4 to 6 million animals. Every time someone buys a puppy or kitten, one less animal leaves a shelter.

Always adopt from shelters. Never buy or sell animals. Boycott stores that retail animals. That pet-shop pup probably began her life at a puppy mil. Choose "guardian" over "owner" in daily speech. Urge humane agencies, media and officials to replace "owner" with "guardian" or "caregiver."

They are **not** our **property**. We are **not** their **owners**.

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HOW MUCH DOES THAT PUPPY IN THE WINDOW REALLY COST?

Pet-shop pups are overbred at dog mills, where trauma and filth cause disease, defects, behavior dysfunction.

> Adopt from shelters only. Never sell or purchase animals.



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WHEN YOU **BUY**, GUESS WHO NEVER FINDS A HOME?

They found her in a dumpster. Days later, a gas chamber took Cat #73175's life. USA shelters kill 4 to 6 million animals yearly. Each time a person buys, one less lives.



Always adopt from shelters. Never buy or sell animals. Boycott stores that sell animals. Choose "guardian" over "owner" in your daily speech.

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YOU OWN A LOT OF THINGS, SHE ISN'T ONE OF THEM.

4 to 6 million animals are euthanized yearly. On the streets, thousands more die. Your actions make a difference.

Choose "guardian" over "owner" in daily speech. Urge others to recognize animals as individuals. Ask humane societies, media and legal officials to replace "owner" with "guardian" or "caretaker."



When animals are labeled property, "owners" see them as disposable. "Guardians" see each animal as the distinct individual she or he actually is.

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WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HUGGED YOUR APPLIANCES?

When animals are labeled property, "owners" see them as disposable and easy to discard.

Choose "guardian" over "owner" in your daily speech.



As guardians, we see each animal as the distinct individual she or he actually is.

Adopt animals from shelters. Never buy or sell them. You can save lives!

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SPEAKERS

Ingrid Newkirk, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals Dr. Neal Barnard, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine Dr. Elliot Katz, In Defense of Animals Camilla Fox, Animal Protection Institute Richard Farinato, Humane Society of the United States Bradley Miller, Humane Farming Association

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your surgeon learned to operate by mutilating animals

When animals are used for practice surgery, trainees encounter organ size/location, tissue texture, skin density, incision pressure, airways... vastly different from our own. Animals don't even get sick or metabolize drugs the same ways we do. So why are they models for human medicine?

Animal-free research has evolved with cellular, genomic and computational tools of *human origin*. Ask legislators to stop throwing your tax dollars at animal tests, and instead, speed development of human-focused (animal-free) research tools. We can do better for animals and people!



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and all the living shall thank you



LIKE US THEY KNOW FEAR, GRIEF, JOY LOVE

If all at once you were to feel their cuts, wounds, burns and bullets... bear their loneliness... or hear their stifled scream - you would feel overcome by despair.

Welcome to another way: Compassionate living

St. Louis Animal Rights Team (START) is a nonprofit educational and activist organization that works to:

- Advance humane education and a basic moral right for all animals to live without enslavement, torture, murder.
- Expose animal suffering at the hands of human greed/cruelty,
- Promote cruelty-free choices + respect for nonhuman animals.

START demonstrates, writes letters, leaflets, petitions, exhibits, lectures, does media interviews, and more to expose animal cruelty and initiate reforms for animals,

It is not our right to use other animals for food, sport, fashion, entertainment or experimentation. If you would like information on START or animals in entertainment, fashion, research laboratories or the food industry, please contact us.



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we're getting hitched!



Brenda Suzanne Shoss daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gilbert Shoss Dr. Graydon Lee Ballard, III son of Dr. Graydon Lee and the late Anna Mae Ballard

Sunday, August 20, 2000

Informal Gathering 💠 12:00 noon Marriage Ceremony & Recessional * 1:00 p.m. Animal Tour & Vegan Buffet & 2:30 p.m. (or thereabouts)

Farm Sanctuary 3100 Aikens Road Watkins Glen, New York 14891

Out-of-town guests may speak to Joanne or Kathy at Four Seasons Travel, to setup flight arrangements, accommodations, and car rental



Farm Sanctuary is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to ending farm animal abuse through hands-on rescue and shelter efforts, ground-breaking investigations and exposes, legislation and legal actions, and national media and public awareness campaigns. Their shelters are located in Watkins Glen, New York and Orland, California.

We encourage guests to open their hearts to creatures less fortunate, during our time of personal joy. To add to the mitzvah of our marriage, we suggest a donation to Farm Sanctuary, or another non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of animals. Farm Sanctuary P.O. Box 150 Watkins Glen, New York 14891

i am my beloved's and my beloved is mine

Song of Songs

Brenda Suzanne Shoss & Dr. Graydon Lee Ballard, III meet under the huppah, August 20, 2000

the huppah is the house of promises, the home of hope Deborah Cash The huppah stands on four poles. The home has four corners. The huppah stands on four poles. The marriage stands on four legs. ...The huppah has no walls. We have made a home together. The canopy is the cloth of our table where we share fruits and vegetables, where our care for the earth comes back and we take its body in ours. O my love O my love we dance under the huppah standing over us like an animal on its four legs Marge Piercy



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Prayer For The Animals

Hear our humble prayer, oh God, for our friends the animals, especially for any that are hunted, lost, deserted, frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death. We entreat for them all thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion, gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessings of the merciful. Amen Albert Schweitzer

> I now establish My covenant with you and your offspring, and with every living being who is with you —birds, cattle, and every wild animal Genesis 9:9-10

The Human Light

From every human being there rises a light that reaches straight to heaven. And when two souls that are destined to be together find each other, their streams of light flow together, and a single brighter light goes forth from their united being. Baal Shem Tov

wedding booklets designed by Brenda Shoss

Dear family and friends,

Welcome! Well, we've made it to this momentous passageway. It is time to exhale and embrace. We gather today under one roof and one sun, to sanctify our love before friends, family, God and the animals. Each of you represents a meaningful thread in our lives. Grady and I are truly grateful to see familiar faces here at Farm Sanctuary. I want to also thank Grady for his willingness to help create the wedding of my dreams. We are each other's beloved. We are each other's friend.

Peace to all, Brenda and Grady

INFORMAL GATHERING

Mix and mingle in the People Barn. Smile for the photographers and share your best Brenda or Grady stories with one another.

PROCESSIONAL

Huppah-Bearers: Luke Ballard, Todd Auerbach, Leah Blevins, Ann Ballard Mesader Kiddushin: Rabbi Miriam Biatch Flower Girl: Victoria Ballard Usher & Bridesmaid: Deanna (Shoss) and Eugenio Boaventura Usher & Bridesmaid: Cara (Shoss) and Adam Klass Groom's Father, Groom, Groom's Sister: Dr. Graydon Ballard Jr., Dr. Graydon Ballard III, Becky Ballard Usher & Bridesmaid: Mary (Ballard) and Bernard Becker Ring-Bearer: Sam Ballard Bridesmaid: Janet Enoch Best Doggies: Stanley and Cleveland, with Debee Alex Bride's Father, Bride, Bride's Mother: Mr. William Shoss, Ms. Brenda Shoss, Mrs. Samuella Shoss

CEREMONY

Groom leads bride into the huppa **Blessing** of welcome First kiddush (wine blessing) Huppah discussion led by Rabbi Biatch Personal comments from the rabbi The Seven Blessings Second kiddush Vows: Brenda presents a slide show to Grady Grady presents his spoken vows to Brenda **Exchange** of rings Final blessing Couple is pronounced man and wife A private blessing to the couple The stomping of the glass Yichud Recessional

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WEDDING BOOKLET INSIDE LEFT & RIGHT PANELS Brenda Shoss & Grady Ballard Farm Sanctuary

RECEIVING LINE AND REFRESHMENT Sip champagne and nosh a little during a casual receiving line.

ANIMAL TOUR

Change into comfy shoes and clothes, if you'd like, to join us on a tour of the barns and pastures. Meet the bride's adopted cow, "Dee." Watch pigs squeal with abandon and cows moo in private reverie. Farm Sanctuary is home to some fortunate critters!

BUFFET

Out of respect for our Farm Sanctuary friends, who have graciously allowed us to use their home for our wedding, guests will feast on gourmet vegan food. The delectable edibles contain no meat, dairy or eggs.

A special thanks to ...

Sammy and Bill Shoss, for their patience, assistance and love Rabbi Mimi Biatch, for listening, suggesting and reassuring Janet Enoch, fellow activist, sounding board and rehearsal director Cara Shoss, for getting married to Adam Klass in May, and reminding me to relax Deanna Shoss, The Event Planner, for her extraordinary management skills

Huppah: A bridal canopy expresses shelter and intimacy. Its openness recalls hospitable ancestors such as Abraham, whose tent welcomed visitors. The *huppah* denotes God's presence at the wedding and in the home initiated under the canopy.

Tallis: The *tallis* (prayer shawl) serves as a canopy covering and its 32 *tallis tzitzit* (ritual fringes) hang over the couple's heads. Every Hebrew letter has a numerical equivalent. The 32 *tzitzit* are mystically linked to the Hebrew word for heart, *lev*.

Ring Exchange: Tradition requires that the groom give a ring as a means of "acquiring" his bride. *Nish* git! (Yiddush for "No way!") In our updated version, bride and groom exchange rings to establish equality in their marriage. The Seven Blessings: As the heart of the wedding liturgy, the sheva brachot place bride and groom in biblical context—from wholeness in Eden to the end of days, when wholeness will be rejuvenated. God created the universe in seven days. With each of the seven blessings, God's miracles are recalled. Marriage is viewed as the embodiment of unity.

Glass Stomping: A custom to initiate merriment after the solemn service. As in: "Let's party!" The broken glass is also a twofold symbol, reminiscent of universal sorrow and hope for a non-violent future.

Yichud: During this symbolic act of intimacy, bride and groom depart to a quiet area to reflect. It is a private moment to laugh, embrace and ponder, before the celebration continues. Vegan: A lifestyle choice based on respect and compassion for all living creatures. Vegans do not eat or wear products made from animals (meat, fur, leather, etc.) or animal byproducts (dairy or eggs.) They do not use products tested on animals or support the use of animals in entertainment.

Schlep: Yiddush noun or verb for what you did to get to this wedding, as in: "You mean we have to schlep to Elmira and rent a car for the schlep to Watkins Glen? What a schlep!"

Animal Rights: The right of each species to live freely in its natural habitat, without pain and suffering at the hands of humans.

Kvell: Yiddush word to describe how parents go on and on about their children's happiness. I.E., "Oy vey! I'm kvelling over my daughter's blessing,"



peace to all great and small

For animals shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours, they move, finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained Living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren. They are not underlings. They are not underlings. They are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time. -Henry Beston