

# **Animal Liberation Theory & Action**

## **Reading and Discussion Group**

Spring 2010

### **Overview**

The goal of this 8 week reading and discussion group is to develop a strong philosophical understanding of the animal rights movement. Animal rights is a topic that is particularly well-suited for a reading group because the movement is solidly grounded in philosophy and ethics. We'll discuss why animals matter, speciesism, where animal rights and other social movements intersect, the legal standing of animals, the corporate and government response to effective organizing, we'll talk about strategy, compare and contrast the diverse tactics used to advocate for animals and other topics.

### **Logistics**

The group meets weekly from Thursday, Feb 18, 2010 until Thursday, Apr 15, 2010. We'll read 3 books, watch 2 films, and host 2 or 3 speakers. Together these books, films, speakers, and our discussion will paint a picture of this diverse social movement and place animal rights in the context of the social justice and environmental movement. Each meeting will have a free vegan dinner and lots of good discussion.

To cover the cost of using the materials, we'll ask for small donations for VegWorcester. But no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

### **Meeting Structure**

We meet every Thursday from 6pm-8pm. The first meeting will be held in the Academic Commons at Clark University (the open area under the library), all following meetings will be at the GoGo. At the first meeting we'll have an overview of the animal rights movement and the literature that has made a big splash. As a group we will choose which books to read and plan our group's schedule. Attached is a suggested book list.

At each of the remaining 7 meetings, we will have a somewhat structured discussion about the reading or film from the past week.