

# PRINCIPLE ONE

Abolitionists maintain that all sentient beings, human or nonhuman, have one right—the basic right not to be treated as the property of others.

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# PRINCIPLE TWO

Abolitionists maintain that our recognition of this one basic right means that we must abolish, and not merely regulate, institutionalized animal exploitation, and that abolitionists should not support welfare reform campaigns or single-issue campaigns.

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# PRINCIPLE THREE

Abolitionists maintain that veganism is a moral baseline and that creative, nonviolent vegan education must be the cornerstone of rational animal rights advocacy.

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# PRINCIPLE FOUR

The Abolitionist Approach links the moral status of nonhumans with sentience alone and not with any other cognitive characteristic; all sentient beings are equal for the purpose of not being used exclusively as a resource.

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# PRINCIPLE FIVE

Abolitionists reject all forms of human discrimination, including racism, sexism, heterosexism, ageism, ableism, and classism—just as they reject speciesism.

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# PRINCIPLE SIX

Abolitionists recognize the principle of nonviolence as a core principle of the animal rights movement.

# THE SIX PRINCIPLES

of the  
**Abolitionist  
Approach  
to Animal Rights**

