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This Month's  
Specials:

**RECIPES:**

[TRYveg.com](http://TRYveg.com)

**BOOK:**

[Why We Love Dogs,  
Eat Pigs, and Wear  
Cows: An Introduc-  
tion to Carnism](#)  
by [Melanie Joy PhD](#)

"The time will come  
when men such as I will  
look upon the murder of  
animals as they now look  
upon the murder of men"  
*Leonardo da Vinci*



The greatness and moral  
progress of a nation can  
be judged by the way its  
animals are treated.  
*Mahatma Gandhi*

# Compassionate Carnivores

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## "Food" for Thought...There's No Difference

When we think about the cultures that eat dogs and cats, we're repulsed. Yet, if we're open to intellectualizing this thinking, how is it different than eating pigs, cows, chickens and any other sentient animal?

*It isn't different.*

We are conditioned to accept that these animals are raised for our food. That is how the people in China feel about eating dogs. These dogs were raised on farms for food. No difference.

I recently had an experience at the county faire that confirmed how this conditioning happens in real time. There was a pig being shown before it went to auction and then to slaughter. The father of the owner was standing there telling "Donald", the pig, that he loved



him. I said, "but that pig will be killed soon, so how can you "love" him and send him off to that fate." His answer was, "That's the way it is". He said that his daughter who raised the pig was near tears at the prospect of Donald going off to slaughter, but "she'll be fine and will get over it", he said. This is the conditioning that we go through.

I ask that you don't look the other way, but think about how inconsistent this line of thinking is. Love the dogs and cats, eat the pigs, cows and chicken.

They all feel pain and fear and are capable of expressing affection.

*There is no difference.*

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