

ANIMAL BITES

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WHAT'S THE PIG DEAL?

Learn all about pigs in
New Zealand

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ALL ABOUT PIGS

PERSONALITY

Pigs are sentient beings. This means that they can feel pleasure and pain like we do. They share their feelings with one another by making noises – oinks, grunts and squealing! Did you know mother pigs sing to their babies while nursing them? How sweet!

SNOUT

A pig's snout is 2000 times more sensitive than a human's nose. Pigs use their snout for digging. This is called 'rooting'. Pigs tend to sleep nose to nose with others.

SKIN

Pigs do not have sweat glands, which is why they enjoy cooling off using mud. This is called 'wallowing'. The mud can also act as a sunscreen and bug repellent!

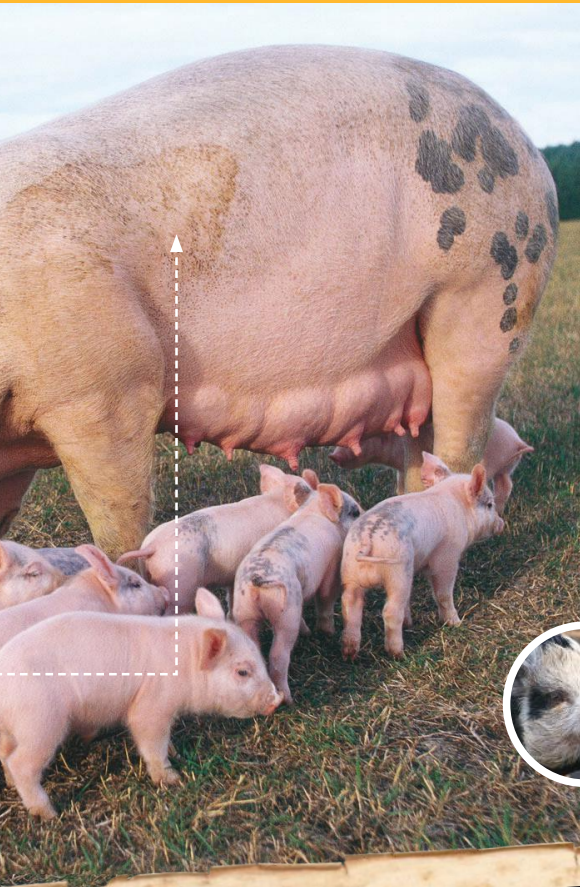
HOOVES

Did you know pigs have toes? They have four toes on each hoof. Pigs can run over 17km per hour. Can you run that fast?

LIFESPAN

Pigs can live up to 20 years in the wild. A sow on a pig farm will be slaughtered at four-five years of age. A piglet farmed for meat will be slaughtered at just 16 weeks.





Much like us, pigs love to cuddle and play. They are extremely intelligent and have excellent memories. They also enjoy listening to music. How cool is that?

Pigs can be many different colours and sizes, depending on their species. Some have more hair than others. There are around two billion pigs in the world today. Sadly, most of them are raised in factory farms.

Pigs were first introduced to New Zealand in the late 1700s by explorers. The most common species of pig in New Zealand is the Large White Pig that is used for farming. In the wild, you can find three different species of pig: Captain Cooker, Arapawa and KuneKune. The word 'Kune' means 'fat and round' in Māori.



Who are you calling fat and round?

A HISTORY OF PIGS

Evidence suggests that pigs were domesticated over 6,000 years ago. They were selectively bred from wild boar to make them larger, pink in colour and have a curly tail.

Did you know: It was common practice to allow domesticated pigs to roam freely so they could forage for food.

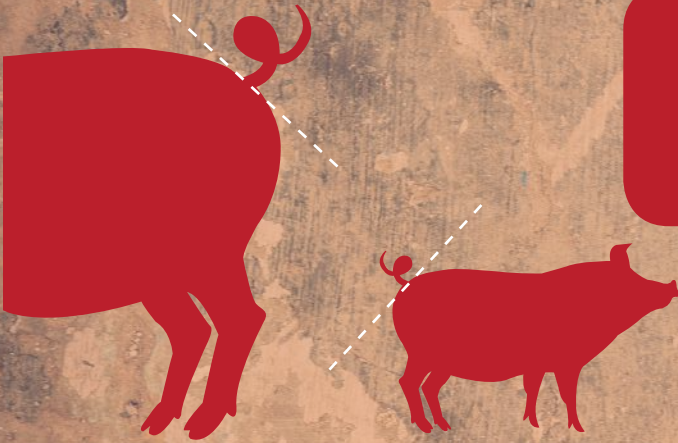
The pigs on Manhattan Island kept digging up grain fields. This forced the farmers to build a wall to protect their crop. The street alongside this wall is Wall Street.

"I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals."
- Winston Churchill



WHAT'S THE PIG DEAL?

FACTORY FARMING

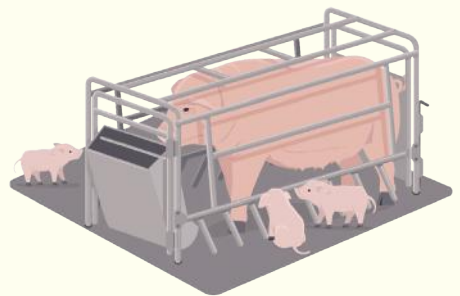


FATTENING PENS

Piglets are kept in cramped pens and sent to slaughter after just 16 weeks. These pens have no bedding and can be extremely crowded. Piglets in these conditions often show signs of depression and aggression. Their tails are cut off (with no pain relief) to prevent their pen-mates from chewing them. The smell and the noise is overwhelming. Life on a factory farm is no life at all for these playful and intelligent beings.

FARROWING CRATES

What could be worse than being a piglet on a factory farm? Being a breeding sow. In New Zealand tens of thousands of pregnant pigs (sows) spend their lives in cruel conditions on factory farms. A pig is placed in a farrowing crate when she is ready to give birth. This crate is barely bigger than her body. She cannot even turn around. She will remain there until her babies are taken away at just four weeks of age. She is forced to have babies over and over again. At just five years of age, a sow is worn out and considered useless and she is sent to slaughter.





HOW YOU CAN HELP

KEEP PORK OFF YOUR FORK

When you stop buying and eating pig products you stop supporting the cruel practices of factory farming. But how do you know if you are eating a pig? Here are some examples of products you should avoid:



Pork



Bacon



Ham



Gelatine*

Did you know most chewy lollies, jelly and marshmallows contain gelatine?

*Note: Gelatine can be made from many animals including pigs, chickens, cows and fish.

ASK FOR PLANT-BASED VEGAN OPTIONS AT YOUR SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Requesting food free from animal products not only means you can enjoy a bought lunch but also means your school-mates can experience delicious, kind food.

Stating your case:

- Get your classmates to sign a petition in support of your request for kind food.
- Suggest kind alternatives or meals you wish to see on a new and improved menu.
- Let your school know how important this change is to you.
- Present positive reasons as to why plant-based is better:



Kinder



Healthier



Inclusive of those with allergies



KIND FOOD SANDWICH IDEAS



Keep your lunchbox
exciting with these tasty
vegan combos!

- Vegan ham and cheese (try TONZU Organic Vegetarian Luncheon)
- Peanut butter and jam
- VLT – Vegan ham, lettuce and tomato
- Avocado and smashed chickpeas (check out our website for the recipe)
- Cucumber and vegan cheese
- Scrambled tofu (check out our website for the recipe)
- Falafel, salad and sweet chilli sauce
- Vegan chocolate spread and banana
- Vegan ham and mustard

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ANIMAL SQUAD PROFILE

NAME: CONNOR

Age:
13

What is your favourite animal?
Kea

What got you interested in wanting to help animals?
Finding out through SAFE how the dairy industry treats bobby calves so badly.

What's your favourite vegan food?
The "Tofulicious" dish from Raw Sugar Café in Christchurch.

Anything you want to share about animals? Most people don't understand how clever animals are and they should care more about them.



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WORD FIND

BOAR
CURLY
FARROW
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LOVING
PIGLET
ROOTING
SNOUT
SOCIAL
SOW
SQUEAL
TAIL
WALLOW

Help the piglet
find her mother!



I have an excellent
memory so this maze will
be a breeze.



ANIMAL SQUAD MEMBERS

QUINN, ELI AND MADs

For a school project Quinn, Eli and Mads decided to sell cookies to raise money to save the greyhounds. Their amazing efforts raised over \$100 which Quinn and Eli brought into the SAFE office.



Thanks for all your hard work, Quinn, Eli and Mads!



THEA

Thea made this poster to share her thoughts on how animals should be treated and to teach her schoolmates about animal rights.

Fantastic job, Thea!



JOIN SAFE ANIMAL SQUAD

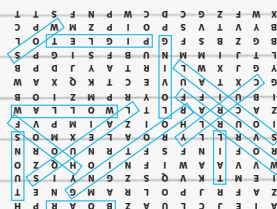
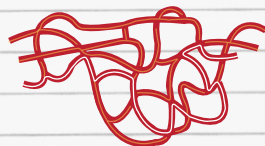
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