

# FUR



Over 40 million animals are killed annually for their fur



Wild animals are killed by being clubbed to death



On fur farms animals are confined to tiny barren cages



Each year more than 40 million animals are killed for their fur. Each piece of fur trim on an item of clothing represents an animal who suffered and died. A full coat or jacket represents many animals.

## Trapping

Some fur bearing animals are caught in steel traps in which they suffer excruciating pain for days before being clubbed to death. Animals like rabbits, possums, raccoons and foxes caught in steel-jaw leg-hold traps, which is the most widely used trap, endure excruciating pain from steel bars clamped onto their legs, paws, and bodies. Some animals, in a desperate effort to free themselves, acting in pain and panic, will chew through or twist off their own limbs to escape.

Fur bearing animals caught in traps suffer from extreme blood loss, infection, gan-

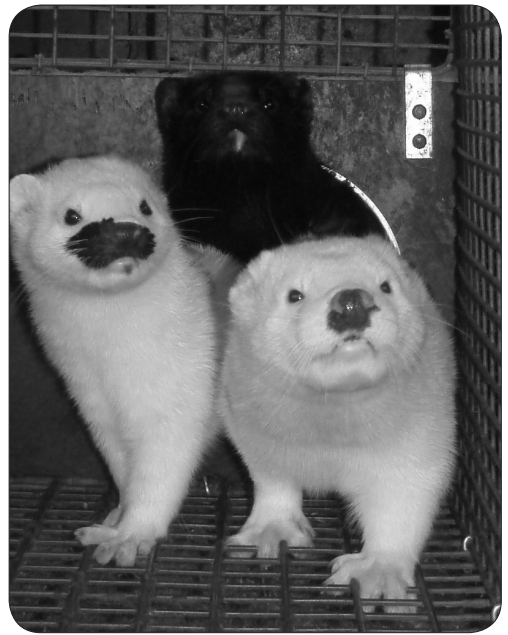


grene, exhaustion, exposure, frostbite, shock, or attack by other animals. Other animals, such as beavers and muskrats, caught in underwater traps can struggle for up to 20 minutes before drowning.

Every year, traps also cripple and kill dogs, cats, birds, and other animals, including native species such as kiwis! These animals are termed 'trash animals' by the industry as they are of no use to the fur trade.

### Fur Farms

Animals such as foxes, mink and rabbits are raised on "fur farms" and are confined to tiny, barren cages in long open sheds, completely exposed to the elements. This intensive confinement results in the animals commonly suffering obsessive stereotypical behaviours such as pacing, self mutilation, and cannibalism. This is due to the chronic stress, boredom, frustration, and deprivation of their



natural instincts such as running, burrowing and playing. The animals endure the brunt of the seasons in these cages. They suffer from heat exhaustion and dehydration during the summer and hypothermia during winter due to freezing conditions including rain, sleet and snow.

### Slaughter

Anal or genital electrocution, neck breaking, gassing, lethal injection and suffocation are common methods used for killing fur bearing animals. These methods all cause immense pain, sometimes only stunning the animal momentarily. Animals have been documented as being skinned alive under these circumstances.

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