



SAVE MOVEMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Mission Statement

We hold peaceful vigils at slaughterhouses to bear witness to the millions of farmed animals whose lives are needlessly taken each day, and to bring public awareness to their plight. Bearing witness to the living animals that we consume has a profound effect on our choices and to our attitude towards these sentient beings who are mostly hidden from public view. To witness and to feel their suffering, to see them as the unique, individual lives that they are will strengthen our resolve to end this cruelty. We believe that ending violence and oppression must be done with love and kindness for all beings, regardless of sex, race or species.

Respect to Animals

- **Stay Calm:** Animals are very sensitive to our energy. Approach truck *slowly, calmly and quietly* so as not to frighten animals more than they are already.
- **Noise:** Animals are extremely sensitive to noise and are already under a great deal of stress. *Consider not speaking at all* or, if you must, speak in a soft and quiet tone.
- **Water:** Offer water to the animals. *Do not spray or throw water at them or in the truck.* If they do not accept your offer then stop.
- **Touching:** Exercise discretion when engaging with and touching the animals; don't scare them.

Safety

- Safety marshals, wearing reflective vests, will be appointed at 24 hour vigils to keep attendees safe near trucks.
- Approach truck when safety marshal signals that it's safe. *Truck drivers cannot see you.*
- Stay on the ground, do not climb trucks.
- Bear witness on curb side of truck, not on traffic side.

Interaction with Truck Drivers and Plant Employees

- Speak to drivers, employees and police with respect, even if they do not. We are there to promote peace.
- Resist temptation to react/respond to provoking from employees in a negative manner.
- Oppose violence with love and kindness.

Public Outreach

- Stay peaceful and positive. Avoid temptation to respond to negative comments with negative responses.
- When not bearing witness, hold a sign at the road or leaflet. If you choose not to, please go to designated break area so as not to detract from the seriousness of our message. Let's make this short time speaking up for animals as effective as possible. They need us!



"When the suffering of another creature causes you to feel pain, do not submit to the initial desire to flee from the suffering one, but on the contrary, come closer, as close as you can to he who suffers, and try to help." Leo Tolstoy, *A Calendar of Wisdom*