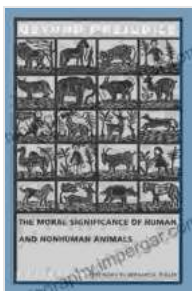


# The Moral Significance of Human and Non-Human Animals

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Gruen begins by arguing that non-human animals are capable of suffering. She cites evidence from neuroscience and psychology to show that animals have a nervous system that is similar to our own and that they experience pain, fear, and other forms of suffering. Gruen also argues that animals have interests, such as the interest in avoiding pain and suffering, the interest in living a natural life, and the interest in forming social bonds. These interests, Gruen argues, give animals moral significance.

Gruen then challenges the traditional view that humans are superior to non-human animals and that we have the right to use them for our own purposes. She argues that this view is based on a false dichotomy between humans and animals. Gruen points out that there is a great deal of overlap between humans and animals in terms of our capacities and abilities. For example, both humans and animals are capable of suffering, both humans and animals have interests, and both humans and animals are capable of forming social bonds. Gruen argues that this overlap means that we cannot justify treating animals in ways that we would not treat humans.

Gruen concludes by arguing that we have a moral obligation to treat animals with respect. She argues that this obligation is based on the fact that animals are capable of suffering and that they have interests. Gruen calls for a new ethic of respect for animals, an ethic that recognizes the moral significance of all animals.

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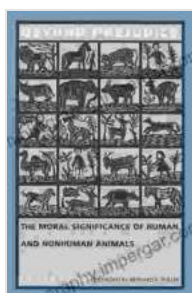
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