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Animal Welfare Policy

The Green Party believes that animals, as sentient beings with the ability to feel pain, suffering and anxiety, must be seen as having an inherent value and not simply as valuable as property, family pets, or as a means of producing food for human consumption.

The Green Party would like to see stronger penalties for those convicted of abuse of animals.

The Green Party would ensure that the UK Hunting Act, which bans the hunting of animals with hounds, is extended to Northern Ireland. We would also work with our colleagues in the Republic of Ireland to see the ban spread across the island and end blood sports right across these islands.

The Green Party would like to see an end to the sale of foie gras and would advise local councils to ban it from their premises and encourage restaurateurs not to sell it.

The Green Party would like to see a phase out of the live exports of animals.

The Green Party campaigns for an end to battery farming and intensive rearing of cattle, pig, sheep, and poultry and pledges to closely monitor conditions in which animals are being kept and slaughtered.

The Green Party is against the use of animals for entertainment and would encourage local councils and private land owners not to permit circuses which use animals in their acts to use their land.

The Green Party is totally opposed to the use of snare as they are indiscriminate, cruel, and unnecessary. The party would like to see a total ban on snares.