

This Free E-Book is brought to you by Natural-Aging.com.

100% Effective Natural Hormone Treatment
Menopause, Andropause And Other Hormone Imbalances
Impair Healthy Healing In People Over The Age Of 30!

The Animal Rights Summit

By David Leonhardt

The Animal Rights Summit by David Leonhardt

The Animal Rights Summit
By David Leonhardt

Is it just me, or is society becoming increasingly polarized? It seems like for every action there is an equal and oppositer reaction. For and against war. For or against the environment. For or against the family.

Consider the role animals play in society. No, I am not referring to politicians, TV producers or Janet Jackson. I mean animals like rabbits and mice and bears.

Some people will even lay down their lives for animals, protesting against the use of animals in laboratory experiments. They stridently oppose the testing of chemicals and makeup on innocent rabbits and mice. I suspect they would secretly rather the chemicals and cosmetics be tested on certain humans instead.

Meanwhile, another large contingent of society has no interest in testing makeup on animals, because they would much rather shoot them. I mean the animals, not the animal rights protestors. On second thought, they might want to shoot the protestors, too.

I thought about this great divide when I looked at the label of a new "powerful" anti-dandruff shampoo we just bought - an oil-based shampoo that works by letting it sink into the hair for at least three minutes. The instruction manual, in 13 languages, features an impressive array of alerts with threatening symbols, even warning me not to let the shampoo get into my eyes.

I stopped. I blinked (for effect). Here is a chemical I am supposed to pour all over my head and let soak in for at least three minutes. A chemical that will run down my face and across my eyes. A chemical that will surely make my eyes blind...or worse.

The Animal Rights Summit

Then I read a tiny inscription at the bottom: "Not tested on animals". Thank goodness, I thought. I wouldn't want them to go blind!

I decided to try to bridge the gulf between the animal rights movement and the sport–hunter movement by convening a world summit.

I chose to invite a few animals, including Big Bear, a veteran of several hunting seasons. I also invited the Three Blind Mice, expert shampoo testers, I am told.

On the other side of the table, I invited Robin Gunn and his merry band of hunters.

"It's not right," began Big Bear. "that we animals should be the object of human torture. We have rights, too." Robin Gunn snorted. His band of merry hunters snorted, too.

I decided to try a rapprochement. "You have to admit that most people would rather sacrifice a few laboratory rats than discover their children have gone blind."

"Mice!" insisted Mouse #1.

"Pardon me," I replied

"We are mice, not rats," explained Mouse #2.

Robin Gunn snorted. His band of merry hunters snorted, too.

"I suspect most people would not care whether their cosmetics are tested on mice or rats or elephants, as long as they know the products are safe before they buy them," I suggested helpfully.

"Great! Now our host wants to torture elephants , too," Big Bear growled with an increasingly hungry look in his eyes. "Don't you know they are an endangered species?"

It was at that point that I decided to bring in Plan B. "Brownies anyone?"

Robin Gunn snorted. His band of merry hunters snorted, too. But they ate the brownies.

I turned to Mr. Gunn. "I understand the need to eat animals I said, with one eye on Big Bear, but doesn't killing them for sport seem a bit much?"

"Why?" Mr. Gunn wanted to know.

"Well, it doesn't seem like much of a sport when one team gets a high–powered shotgun, while the other never even knows there's a game going on, does it?"

Big Bear growled. The mice growled, too. OK, so it was more like a high–pitched squeak, but it's the thought that counts, right?

The Animal Rights Summit

I tried another line of discussion. "What if you met with the animals to pick teams. Wouldn't that be a little more fair?"

Robin Gunn looked at me like I was crazy. Big Bear looked at me like I was crazy.

It turns out that I was crazy. The summit ended in a dismal failure. Big Bear loved the brownies, but he wanted something more. The Three Blind Mice never even saw him coming.

And Mrs. Gunn is really enjoying her new bearskin rug.

Meanwhile, I don't know what to do about my increasingly greasy hair. I suppose that sooner or later, I'll have to use shampoo. In the meantime, I wonder...do you think ketchup will work?

David Leonhardt is author of *Climb Your Stairway to Heaven*<http://www.booksamillion.com/ncom/books?isbn=059517826X> Read more personal growth articles:<http://www.thehappyguy.com/self-actualization-articles.html> Visit his liquid vitamins

store:<http://www.vitamin-supplements-store.net> Or his happiness website:<http://www.thehappyguy.com>

Animal Photos Not Just For Kids Anymore

By I Henman

Many people think that pictures of animals are just for children, but boy are they all mistaken. They might look at cute animal photos when they are small, but as they grow, they assume that, like cuddly stuffed bears, these pictures of animals are best left to childhood. Oh sure, trying to be cute, their boss might leave animal photos up around the office as a pleasant, if boring decoration, but no one ever thinks about these pictures at all. I really do think that this is a great shame. As a professional animal photographer, it should be no surprise that I like animal photos, but the reasons might be things that you have never thought about.

One of the greatest things about animal photos is that they really can capture any emotion that you can think about. People are often reserved about showing what is going on inside them, but reserve is not really anything that shows up too frequently among the members of the animal kingdom. In animal photos, we have the chance to see practically any emotion, from the tenderness of a mother cat caring for her young, to the fierceness of a lion pouncing for the kill, to the sly disdain of a baboon, leaving its friends behind for new fun.

Many people believe that we are not really seeing these expressions in animal photos, and that what we are seeing is just a reflection of our own emotions that we want to pin on animals, but anyone who has spent any time with animals at all knows that this is simply not true. When we look at animal photos, we are looking out at our own emotions, not because we put them there, but because animals are really very strikingly similar to us. Dogs really do feel loyalty and friendliness quite often. You can tell if you have a pet dog what the expressions in dog animal photos really mean. Cats really are quite

evil and sneaky, not because their tiny, creepy eyes look that way in animal photos, but because that is their natural temperament. Animals are less intelligent than we are, and are more driven by instinct, but that does not change the fact that they feel real emotions the same as we do. It does not take animal photos to show most of us the truth of this statement, but looking at pictures of animals can help to confirm it again and again.

For more information about animal photos, and other types of photos and photography please check out website at Photography Tips.



This Free E-Book has been brought to you by Natural-Aging.com.

**[100% Effective Natural Hormone Treatment](#)
Menopause, Andropause And Other Hormone Imbalances
Impair Healthy Healing In People Over The Age Of 30!**