THE GENUINE LIBERATION OF NON-HUMAN ANIMALS

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In this paper, Dr. Painter argues that Marx’s famous principle “from each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs” (Marx, 1875, 87) can and should be applied to non-human animals in the name of justice. She explains that genuine animal liberation requires both the dissolution of capitalism and the overturning of our fundamentally self-interested, unjustified attitudes of human exceptionalism. She also takes care to discuss why the system that is to replace capitalism must involve a vegan imperative as opposed to less radical imperatives, such as “locavorism” or “compassionate carnivorism,” both of which rely upon speciesism and the human exceptionalism that accompanies it.

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