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Hundreds of New Yorkers to Participate in 3rd National Animal Rights Day

As an animal-loving society, we pamper our dogs, cats, and any other species lucky enough to be considered our "pets." Sadly, that compassion is not always extended to animals who suffer in the food, clothing, research, and entertainment industries. Animals in the billions live in misery and die painful deaths simply so people can enjoy a hamburger, or wear a particular brand of mascara.

But it doesn't have to be this way.

Please join us for the third annual National Animal Rights Day, which this year will be bi-coastal! It is our intention to help people connect the dots, see why compassion should have no boundaries on the basis of species, and work toward a peaceful, more sustainable world.

When: Sunday, June 9th, 2013, between 12 noon and 5 p.m.

Where: Union Square, north side, at E.17th Street

What: The 3rd National Animal Rights Day

We will begin with a requiem ceremony for the animals (our Los Angeles group will be holding real animals who suffered and died for human greed), followed by various activities, including a yoga class, speakers, musical performances, raffles, and free vegan food.





Speakers: Vegan personality, Ben Strothmann (host), Mickey Z, Karen Davis of United Poultry Concerns, Rynn Berry, Donatella Eunoia, MD (vegan doctor), PJ McKosky, Founder Empty Cages Collective, Catholic Priest Father Frank Mann, Pattrice Jones of VINE Sanctuary, and Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz of the Shamayim V'Aretz Institute.

Musical performers: Don Zaros (Samuel Barber's Adagio during requiem ceremony), Michael Harren, Veggie Voices, Lo Vee, and Stephen Baldwin of Occuponics and Brooklyn Parrots fame.

Mercy For Animals will be present to do a Pay-Per-View showing of Farm To Fridge. That is, members of the public will be paid \$1 each to watch an 11-minute film.

Empty Cages Collective will be present with companion animals for adoption.

There will be free vegan food courtesy of V-Spot, Loving Hut, So Delicious Ice Cream, Rescue Chocolate, and others, as well as Jaime Lee's famous Tofurky wraps! Yoga class will be taught by Jessica Sage Stickler, Dechen Thurman, and Derek Goodwin, of Jivamukti Yoga. http://www.thenard.org/

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