

Dharma Voices for Animals (DVA) is an organization committed both to practicing the teachings of the Buddha (the Dharma) and speaking out when animal suffering is supported by the actions of those in Dharma communities and by the policies of Dharma centers. We want to support those who are willing to speak out about the harm we cause other sentient beings when we eat them, use their body parts as clothing and in other ways, or use household and personal hygiene products that are tested on animals. While DVA recognizes the challenges of living in a complex, modern society, we wish to promote the choices that provide the greatest reduction of animal suffering. It is our intention to be inclusive in honoring the different views of those who sincerely intend to minimize the suffering of animals.

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