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In the fields and forests, we roam free But society deems us dirty, ugly, and mean Their judgments harsh, their eyes unkind They fail to see the beauty in our appearance

We creatures of the earth, we play our part In the balance of nature, we have our art Yet humans disregard our right to live Their ignorance and cruelty, they refuse to forgive

We long to feel safe in our habitats Without the threat of harm or attacks But society sees us as a nuisance to be removed Their actions leaving us scarred and bruised

We ask for nothing more than to coexist To live in harmony and be free to exist For every creature, no matter how they may seem Deserves the right to be, to live, to dream

For the life of every creature is worth living And their right to live is not for taking, but for giving

To be or not to be, that is the question









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I love them! If there are any left.

The best insects are the woodworms. That's one of them and has been inside for centuries.

If they don't bite me, they are dear to me. I don't kill them either, spiders for example, because I find them useful, but the ones that bite me I don't like, especially the ticks of course. that's a danger.

Like may be too much. Why not? I don't have anything against insects in general, as other people often react "I don't need them, they're gross." I don't. Sometimes it's difficult to attack an insect, for example: Spider. It doesn't have to be only the beautiful insects for me.

In principle, it is indiferent whether like or dislike.

Insects are living beings too, I can't even kill a fly. But I can if it sits in the bathtub for three days. But it hurts me. Important. An insect lives from a plant. And we have noticed that in recent years, the diversity of species is becoming less and less. I know about it because my father was an insect collector, and butterflies are becoming fewer and fewer, you can see that. I'm interested in that and I take a lot of photos [...].

I started bird watching when I was 13 years old. I still do it today, I know every bird, if one flies over here I can tell you what it is.

We are dependent on it. On diversity, on plants, on birds, on insects, it's a cycle. [...]

No one cares, everyone goes their own way. Everyone could actually do something every day, but they don't do it because something else is more important.

L: Not all of them. When it comes to flying striped insects, I find the hairy ones cooler than the smooth ones with the thin waist. It's also a bit of a prejudice. Buzzers can't sting, they only bite. Bees only sting to survive, because then they die. Wasps are just nasty and steal your breakfast.

- J: It makes no sense at all: sting to live, then die.
- L: They defend the sponge, the house.
- J: Swarm intelligence.

L: There are insects I cohabit with as long as they stay in their corner. I stay in my corner.

Ambivalent. On the one hand they are fascinating, on the other hand they are naturally annoying. Like hummingbirds and gnats. And if you are allergic to bees or wasps, it is of course also problematic. So if you have fruit trees in front of your house and then you breed wasps, that is of course also difficult. Actually, you shouldn't kill them, but I have an old wooden house where the wasps' nests are inside and they bore through. so unfortunately I have to kill them.



I'm not disgusted by a bird. But I'm disgusted by the crap that people throw on the ground, that doesn't have to be, that's horrible. Or when someone has a dog that nobody takes for a walk. He then runs around in the city, there and there he shits. Wäh. Or if one spits where.

A cattle lives by instinct, in nature, that's how it is. Some people no longer know where vou come from.

Now you even eat insects. Maybe the parents say fie to the insects. I couldn't eat them. Pigs are animals, too, so you'd have to become a vegetarian, but here and there I already eat meat.

What does disgust mean to you?

I can't describe it at all, I was in a nursing profession, when someone turned on me. Disgust? That's how it is. I'm still one of the old types, I still nursed without gloves. But eating animals? I wouldn't do it, can't say why.

Breading them alive is disgusting.

If a vole eats your roots, it's not nice either. But they also have to live on something.

Yeah sure, when you're a little kid you don't have that at all.I observe it in other people, because I don't have such disgust.There are people who are extremely disgusted by spiders, which always surprises me, because they are actually aesthetic animals, spiders.But some people have real phobias. Where that comes from is also a mystery to me, as some also have such a phobia of snakes. So some people really have to be treated against it.Are these verv early childhood imprints?I don't know.That would be interesting. of course.

I can't understand that at all. It is so abstruse for me. I'm more afraid of people than of insects. The insect is natural. People can make you shudder because you think, "For God's sake, why does he have to be like that?" I don't like to have ants on my bread. That is forced upon you, "You're afraid of that!" Everything, channel, everything away, the dirt with it we destroy ourselves our whole environment.

Repulsive, not assessable.Repulsive because of certain characteristics, not quite assessable. hairv. look different. move differently.The other. I must say, I do not like to eat them either. Maybe grasshoppers, I can still imagine. But real worms.... As I said maggots, that must have been some childhood memory. There is the limit with me.

I remember a course where mealworms swam in the soup, that was a very long time ago, everything was different then, and we were all not very pleased. That's what people are made of.

My God, you can be disgusted by so many things. I believe that disgust is a deeply anchored feeling in the human being from house, that I believe once firmly. It's not something we're taught, because there's no human being who isn't disgusted by something, and rightly so. So before dirt, before feces, also before smells one can be disgusted, even before insects, one can be disgusted even before unpleasant humans, then before any pathogens. So if someone spits yellow on the floor in front of me, now expressed quite brutally, then I feel disgusted, and that is also good. I believe that it is innate in humans that they are disgusted by certain things. As protection. As self-protection. I think so. Babies are hardly disgusted, maybe it's also innate. Or maybe it is? The fear component only comes when you think about it. The weather is also disgusting today.

People are afraid because they don't know it, because they don't grow up with it. We ran around outside as children, no one had time for us. Parents and grandparents worked and we went out into the woods and meadows, tasted and looked, because we grew up with it. That is no longer shown to the children, although they learn about the stuff, they already start in kindergarten, some children maybe, if they come from a farm. they may still have that somewhere.

C: I find them more disgusting now than when I was a child J:There are instincts in humans, just like in other animals.Cats are scared of long dark things because they think it's a snake.There are instincts that are deep inside us, disgust is an instinct, an expression that shows us "go away, this is not good for me".



Maggots, maggots scare me. These are the only animals that I absolutely do not like.

I'm afraid of maggots, not of earthworms, but of maggots in food or so or in cherries, I don't like that. I don't have a spider phobia, I don't have anything, I'm actually quite a normal person as far as that is concerned. Crocodiles are a bit scary to me, because they are so sneaky, but they also have a right to exist. Relatively little joy I have with the wolves, not in general, but here I do not want them [...]

Spiders are also horrible, there are species that jump, they have such a funny long body. If they are in the house or somewhere indoors, you don't necessarily have to have them. Because most people are afraid of them, for example of a beautiful beetle, for example, there is a magnificent beetle (brocht?), there is the one on the linden trees, such a beautiful beetle. There is nothing more beautiful.

Is for me rather the man what is mean, I think. I don't think animals are inherently bad. I mean I don't like when the insects are in the bed or so. I also had a snake phobia. but I have already overcome it.

Snails, slugs. Because they are too invasive and then they are too much easy. Otherwise I wouldn't have such an aversion. But I was still at home in the garden this morning and it rained during the night and they are already marching in whole armies into the garden again. So snails I can kill well. I do not mind.

There is a discust when you step on slugs with bare feet. but not otherwise.

Do before. Discust is rather less. an uncontrollable reaction. sudden reaction.

Something so slimy, that can be disgusting. But otherwise. Of course, when you see an invasion of cross spiders in the cross spider web, it also shakes you. And I find snakes very aesthetic animals, so I'm not disgusted. I think it's an instinct, maybe it's also a protection, I don't know. Because in the past. of course. certain animals were certainly dangerous.

Mostly it is said that spiders and other things are bad. Actually it is not. They are insanely beautiful animals, if you take a closer look at them. Mean? Unpleasant. They live their lives, my God, a lizard has to suck blood, that's just part of it.

Not at all. I suddenly have 500 spiders, I would also look like that. But in principle they do nothing to you. It is just always in the mass. Just as bad is it when I see 500 people. on a spot - that's worse for me. I am rather a loner.

Most insects don't, but a few do: ear hatchlings and centipedes. Armor, glitter, fast and sneaky. Glittery fluff and that quick to curl up anywhere in. And cockroaches because you can't kill them. Has the feeling of discust changed?

I don't find insects disgusting either. You have things in your mind that could make them thoretical: they can sting, they can be a bit poisonous, run into your ear hole, diseases,... I think that's the difference between a child and an adult. At some point you have such an understanding of it. It has stung me 3 times now. Centipede, I don't know from the country I'm from, could be poisonous because it's foreign.







PERFORMENCE





















MANIFESTO



We, the animals who are often labeled as "dirty," "ugly," and "mean," demand that our living rights are recognized and protected. We feel unsafe in public spaces and believe that co-habitation is possible between humans and animals. We urge humanity to question their perceptions of what is "dirty," "ugly," and "mean" and recognize our value as living beings.

First and foremost, we demand the right to live safely in public spaces. We are often persecuted and mistreated by humans who fear or misunderstand us. We are not here to harm humans, but rather to coexist with them. We want to be able to move freely through our natural habitats without being hunted, trapped, or killed.

Secondly, we urge humanity to question their perceptions of what is "dirty," "ugly," and "mean." Just because we may appear different from humans or other animals, it does not mean that we are not worthy of respect and protection. We have a right to live free from discrimination and mistreatment based on our appearance or temperament.

Furthermore, we believe that it is the responsibility of humanity to educate themselves about animal welfare issues and take responsibility for the impact their actions have on our lives. We are not here for human amusement or profit, and we deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

We call for an end to the use of animals for human entertainment, including in circuses, rodeos, and other exploitative industries. We are not here to be used for human amusement or profit, and we deserve to be treated with compassion and care.

Finally, we believe that it is possible for humans and animals to coexist in harmony. We ask that humans recognize the vital role we play in maintaining the ecological balance of the planet. We may not always be the most aesthetically pleasing or friendly animals, but we are an integral part of the ecosystem, and our loss could have catastrophic consequences.

In conclusion, we demand that our living rights as "dirty," "ugly," and "mean" animals are recognized and protected. We urge humanity to question their perceptions of what is "dirty," "ugly," and "mean," and to recognize our inherent value and respect our right to live free from persecution and neglect. Only by working together can we create a world that is just and fair for all living beings, both human and animal alike.