

**Topic:** Animal cruelty: Are humans too cruel?

**Source** - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/lauriewerner/2017/03/26/why-you-should-never-ride-an-elephant-again/#70ca8e8ceb7b>

**Words:** Unusual, Steep, Incline, Bunch, Furious, Gesture, Repeatedly

The last time I rode an elephant, it was 2004, on an **unusually** hot April day even for India. I was in Jaipur doing the first time visitor's tour of the city so my friend Nicole and I mounted an elephant for the **steep incline** up to the Amer Fort.

Elephants were **bunched** together and to seemingly keep ours, a gentle, small female named Maneesha, in line, her mahout beat her **repeatedly** on the head with a curled iron stick. We were **furious**, screamed at him to stop and made a deal to pay her day rate and take her out of service to let her go swimming in the pond at the base of the fort. The next day I went back and paid to let her go swimming again, beginning a relationship that continues to this day. I go to visit her in Jaipur where conditions have improved somewhat although she's still working. And she remembers me for most likely one of the few kind **gestures** she experienced.

**Discussion Points:**

1. Where do you see animal cruelty in your daily life?
2. Do you think animals should have equal rights as humans?



**Picture Exercise:** Animal cruelty comes in many forms



**Source:** timetravelturtle.com

**Questions:**

1. Describe this picture using some of the words that you have learnt today.
2. How can we make people aware about animal cruelty issue?

