# Contemporary Moral Problems

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* **Speciesism – Systematic Disregard for the suffering of non-humans**
  + Factory Farming (High Density Environment)
    - If you let it raise freely and then kill it, you’re depriving it of the joy it could have later
  + Product Testing
    - Cosmetics, food additives, etc.
    - LD50 = When 50% of the animals die to find the lethal dose
  + Experimentation
* **What the Rejection of Speciesism (or people of equal consideration) does not imply**
  + Does not imply the equal value of lives.
  + Persons
    - Those things that have: Self awareness, intelligence, capacity for abstract thought, awareness of one’s past and future, capacity for meaningful relations with others, having goals, and complex acts of communication
  + Non-Persons
    - Something that doesn’t have any of those features but does have capacity to suffer.
  + There will be some non-humans that will be more person like.