

# Animal rights and human obligations by tom regan

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**What is the main difference between Peter Singer and Tom Regan's approach to animal rights?** Ultimately, it is possible to point out the main difference between Peter Singer and Tom Regan: the first one defends a welfarist position, daring not speak of rights but only of equal consideration of preferences; the second one defends an abolitionist position, claiming that mammalian animals have inherent value and ...

**Why does the deontologist Tom Regan argue that animals matter morally?** Abstract. Tom Regan argues that human beings and some non-human animals have moral rights because they are “subjects of lives,” that is, roughly, conscious, sentient beings with an experiential welfare.

**What does Regan critique about the utilitarian account of moral obligation to non-human animals?** According to Regan, we must conclude that animals have the same moral status as human beings; furthermore, that moral status is grounded on rights, not on Utilitarian principles. Regan argues for his case by relying on the concept of inherent value.

**What does Regan think is the reason for his claim that animals have an actual right to life?** Regan thinks it is because humans are subjects whose lives matter to them; a human being is (in his terms) a “subject-of-a-life.” But then, Regan notes, nonhuman animals are likewise subjects-of-a-life. Nonhuman animals are aware of what happens to them and what happens to them matters to them.

**What is Regan's animal rights theory?** Tom Regan claimed animals have rights because they are the subject of a life. Their lives have value, just as human lives do,

whether or not they are capable of higher-level rational thought and judgement.

**How does Regan regard what he calls the cruelty kindness view of animal rights?** The first I call the cruelty-kindness view. Simply stated, this says that we have a direct duty to be kind to animals and a direct duty not to be cruel to them. Despite the familiar, reassuring ring of these ideas, I do not believe that this view offers an adequate theory.

**What is Regan's key objection to utilitarianism?** Abstract According to Regan, classical utilitarians value individuals in the wrong way: rather than valuing them directly, the utilitarians must value individuals merely as receptacles of what is valuable (i.e. pleasure).

**When Regan argues that since animals have independent value we ought to treat them with respect?** True. In his book titled "The Case for Animal Rights," Regan makes the argument that animals have an inherent value that is separate from their usefulness to humans, and that they are deserving of respect and moral consideration as a result of this.

**How does deontology support animal rights?** Deontologists believe as humans we have a duty to help other beings with their rights in consideration, and insist that the duty is delivered even if they themselves suffer as a consequence.

**How does Regan understand the inherent value of nonhuman animals?** Thus, Regan concludes that beings with inherent value, that is, subjects-of-a-life, have an equal right to respectful treatment, which entails an equal right not to be harmed merely on the grounds that others will benefit (Regan 1983, 324).

**Is Tom Regan a deontologist?** Utilitarian theories are known as consequentialist theories, whereas Regan was a deontologist, a position known as non-consequentialist.

**Why shouldn't animals have the same rights as humans?** The philosopher Carl Cohen puts the argument this way: "Animals cannot be the bearers of rights because the concept of right is essentially human; it is rooted in the human moral world and has force and applicability only within that world." (Carl Cohen & Tom Regan, The Animal Rights Debate.

**How is Regan's position on animal rights different from Singer's explain?** But, for the most part, the overwhelming instances of animal exploitation are ruled out from the start in Regan's theory, where, under Singer's view, they are all ruled in unless Singer can demonstrate that the aggregation of consequences indicates otherwise.

**How does Regan show her cruelty?** Like Goneril, Regan also proves herself to be unyielding and cruel. Regan's plucking of Gloucester's beard reinforces the point that she has no respect for age or rank. In contrast to her basic inhumanity, Regan shows some real humanity, though briefly, when Cornwall is wounded.

**Does Regan believe that animals can still be used in laboratory experiments?** Regan believes that all humans and animals have inherent value. According to Regan, using animals as lab test subjects is only acceptable if the results will save human lives.

**Which of the following views of the moral status of animals does Regan accept?** To conclude, I would like to point out that Regan's view is rather deontological, in that animals with inherent value must be given the same rights as humans. He says that no matter what, even in situations where the animals are causing harm to humans, we must treat them with the same moral rights as a human.

**What is Regan's principle of respect?** According to Regan, the Respect Principle requires not only that we refrain from treating others in ways forbidden by this principle but also that we come to their defense when they are threatened by moral agents. Regan takes the Respect Principle to imply the Harm Principle.

**What is the inherent value of Tom Regan?** Individuals who satisfy the subject-of-a-life criterion, have according to Regan ... inherent value. Thus, according to Regan, the inherent value of an individual subject-of-a-life is incommensurable with the intrinsic value of that subject's experiences or other mental states.

**What four ways does Regan argue we should not answer moral questions?** They claim that moral judgments are merely expressions of personal preference, matters of individual opinion, reflections of majority will, or commands of a supposed

higher authority, such as God. In any of these cases, reasoning about ethics is useless.

**What property is Tom Regan invoking when he writes that all who have inherent value have it equally whether they be humans or not?** Tom Regan is invoking the property of being an experiencing subject when he writes that "All who have inherent value have it equally, whether they be humans or not".

**What is the argument against animal rights?** One of the most common arguments against animal rights is that there are many predators in the wild who hunt and eat meat-based prey. Why should humans, who are also animals, be exempt? Animal rights advocates counter that a lion, being a feline, is what is considered an obligate carnivore.

**What is Peter Singer's view on animal rights?** Singer's theory does not concern rights since Singer does not believe that animals or humans have rights. Indeed, Singer himself refers to his theory as one of "animal liberation" and states that claims of right are "irrelevant." "The language of rights is a convenient political shorthand.

**What does Singer compare discrimination against animals or speciesism to?** Singer regards speciesism as discrimination on the basis of species membership, on a par with sexism and racism: speciesists unjustifiably favour the interests of members of their own group over the interests of others.

**What was Singer's main conclusion in All animals Are Equal?** Conclusion: Singer concludes that "all animals are equal". That is, as we strive for equality, we should strive for equal consideration of the interests of human beings and non-human animals alike!

**What is Singer's name for the tendency to think of non-human animals as less significant than human beings?** Bentham himself, in a pioneering text of 1789, asked whether animals might one day "acquire rights," and concluded that the deciding criterion was not "Can they reason?" or "Can they talk?" but "Can they suffer?" Following the same line of thought, Singer defined the exclusion of other sentient species from our moral ...

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