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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF BATTERY CAGES FOR HENS IN  
THE EGG PRODUCTION INDUSTRY**

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As humans we are obligated to respect and care for other animals we share the planet with. Contrary to what we have been brought up to believe it's time we all evolved and stop the abuse, exploitation, violence and unnecessary slaughter of animals for our own gluttonous greed. Chickens are the most abused animal on the planet, we genetically and artificially breed these birds on a massive scale. Male chicks hatched in the egg industry are considered 'waste' and are macerated alive within one day of hatching. Eggs are not only cruel and unnecessary but also very unhealthy for human consumption. I am not calling for 'bigger cages, better conditions, free range or humane slaughter'....this cruel, violent, unhealthy, dirty industry needs to be closed down altogether!