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

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Phase out Battery Cages for Chickens

Regardless of personal views on farming it would be safe to say that in this day and age most of us can agree that animals do have feelings, they feel joy and pain just like humans. And that is that all animals have feelings, your pet dog or cat does, and so do chickens.

Therefore the argument to phase out battery cages can best be visualised if we imagine us as humans forced to live our whole lives in a metal cage, on hard wiring and no sunlight, a cage no bigger than our body size. If in this day and age we all agree that all animals have joy and pain feelings and that we would never imagine our pet dog or cat be forced to live their whole life inside a small cage, then why do we think it's okay for other animals? Some of us don't!

Chickens require space, outdoors and sunlight to live healthy lives. Just like humans and domestic animals, chickens too require direct contact with their species, just watch your dog at the park with other dogs - wrestling, chasing, playing, kissing, enjoying the socialisation.

Caged enclosures deprive chickens of basic rights to sunlight, space and socialisation. Cages deprive chickens of scratching, stretching their wings, pecking and ranking etc. This deprivation leads to physical and emotional issues – illnesses and depression.

Humans have come a long way in the manner they treat domestic pets, and these same laws and customs should be assumed to farm animals too.

Chickens should have the same welfare rights as domestic pets.

Cages are cruel. Phase out cages for chickens.