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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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I think it is generally known that factory farming (which is kept hidden from the public) involves at the very least restriction and artificial habitat for the poor animal affected, particularly pigs and poultry, but often great cruelty and suffering - sick animals left untreated, dehorning and mulesing carried out with no pain-killing.

In other words at the very least there is mistreatment and on some farms downright and deliberate cruelty.

But this is all kept hidden from the public. We should be allowed to inspect the places that produce our food at any time, but this does not happen. Therefore we rely on whistle-blowers, drones and animal activists to keep us informed of what goes on, otherwise we won't know. Why would anyone want to prevent our being informed.

If everything is rosy what is the problem ?

I think we have to allow people to expose the cruelty that goes on - or give the public the right to inspect factory farms on surprise visits. What is the alternative for a humane society ?