The make up looks good The shoes are fine The bags are sharp The belts sleek The food was delicious But the pain was unseen. A living organism that feeds on organic matter, typically having specialized sense organs and nervous system and able to respond rapidly to stimuli. That's the definition of 'Animals', we humans have given to them, that I got from the World Wide Web. These simple lines define animals in a wonderful way, which implies that they are beings that feel emotions too. They have feelings ,have family and show unconditional love.

When we have them as our pets, that we adore and treat them with love .

They are our emotional companions, our silent story listeners and our light.

However, the way they are treated is appalling.

. Every year, around 350 million tons of meat are consumed by humans. Not only are we killing animals on a large scale, it is putting immense pressure on Earth's ecosystem and we are adding more animals to the endangered list .

Leather, which is made using the skin of animals such as alligators, seals, cattle, sheep, etc. Causes creatures to become endangered. An estimate of the amount of animals killed per year to make leather is roughly 1 billion!

Cosmetics are another big problem. Globally, around 500,00 die unimaginable deaths for Cosmetics testing each year. In relation to this, Each year, more than 110 million animals are killed in the U.S for experimentation,

drugs, cosmetics, food, studies and medical research!

These may just be numbers for some people, but once you take into account the pain and suffering these innocent creatures go through, you will too realize that humanity needs to find ways to prevent this.

Hence it's important for us to come together and prevent this dis balance in nature, a few simple steps like:

- 1.Encouraging people to consume less meat and try vegetarian meals The New Zealand Vegetarian Society website is great for this!
- 2. Signing petitions to prevent big companies from harming animals.
- 3. Fundraising to provide better shelters for animals etc

Can help change the tide.