

Animal Rights

- God created animals and called that creation "good" [Gen.1:24, 25].
- God continues to care for them [Ps.36:6; 106:10-22; 145:16; 147:9; Ma.6:26; 10:29; Lu.12:6,24; 1Cor.9:9].
- He does this because they belong to Him [Ps.50:10-12].
- Man's role concerning God's animal kingdom is one of stewardship or manager [Gen.1:28; 9:2].
- We are caretakers of the animal kingdom, not owners.
- God has provided guidelines on this care [Gen.9:2,5,6; Ex.21:28-32; Deut. 22:6,7; Pr.12:10; Ma.12:11; Lu.13:15].
- As stewards, Christians will answer to God for their efforts in this area at the Judgment Seat of Christ (see 'Dispensations').