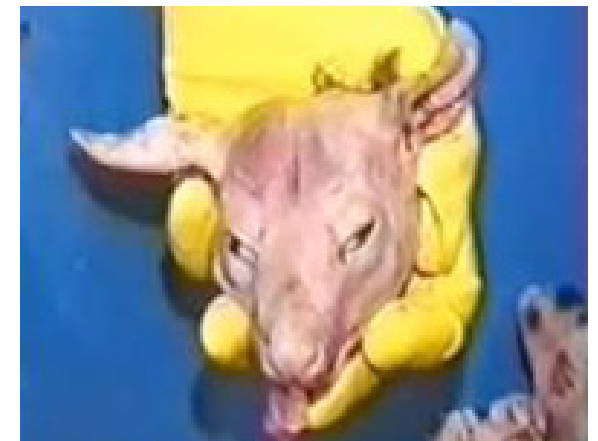


STOP THE EXPORT OF BRUSHTAIL POSSUMS FROM TASMANIA

From Priceless and Precious



To Butchered and Skinned



In Tasmania things are getting a lot worse for Brushtail Possums. Unlike mainland states, Tasmania's Game Management Liaison Committee allows for the shooting, baiting and trapping of possums for 'crop protection', commercial use and any other 'approved purpose'. There is no RSPCA representative or any other animal welfare advocacy group on the Committee.

Within the entire state of Tasmania there is no refuge for possums.

Possoms, like many other native animals, are nocturnal and are easily stressed. When trapped, they may spend days in a cage before transportation to the abattoir, where they remain caged and terrified for further hours or days before being killed.

When Brushtail Possums are shot, the small in-pouch young (joeys) are decapitated or bashed to death, or if still on their mother's back, flee into the bush to face a certain death without their mother's protection.

Unfortunately the Code of Practice for the Capture, Handling, Transport and Slaughter of Brushtail Possums, approved as an Animal Welfare Standard (Section 44 of the Animal Welfare Act 1993), in reality becomes bureaucratic endorsement of terrible cruelty and suffering. A price that wildlife pays for with lives and all in the name of profit for an industry that shows no mercy.

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Tell the Federal Government that you want it to listen to YOU and NOT vested commercial

The Tasmanian Government is about to authorise the commercial killing yet again of Brushtail Possums for export to Asian markets. Tell our government authorities that there is NO excuse for this brutal and unsustainable trade, and that our fauna is more valuable than a mere commodity to be traded.

Our unique and gregarious Brushtail Possum is a familiar and loved animal amongst most city dwellers. Due to human interference, our wildlife is dwindling and people are becoming more aware of the threat to these nocturnal acrobats due to habitat loss. Possums help to provide a wonderful link from the natural world to our own species as we are becoming more and more disconnected from nature.

Insist that the export of our magnificent Brushtail Possums be immediately stopped for these reasons:



- The abattoir where possums are killed (Lenah Game Meats) was secretly filmed in 1999 and revealed immense cruelty, pain & suffering. You can watch this on YouTube at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnGMN1sOtK0>

- The Dept of Primary Industry, Parks, Water and Environment Tasmania have placed the interests of big business above the welfare and conservation of native fauna.
- Possum populations cannot be sustained at the high level of commercial and non commercial killing (100,000 - 300,000 Brushtail Possums annually)
- The claims of crop damage caused by Brushtail Possums must be addressed by reviewing land management practices and implementing humane alternatives to trapping/shooting and 1080 poisoning.
- The Tasmanian Department of Primary Industry, Parks, Water & Environment plans to promote and expand the trade. See their website:
www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/trade-use/invitecomment/brushtail-possum.html

How can you help?

Tell our politicians that you plan to boycott travel to Tasmania and you'll be boycotting all Tasmanian products until this carnage stops. Our wildlife is priceless. The animals don't have a voice but you do.

Please act now!

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