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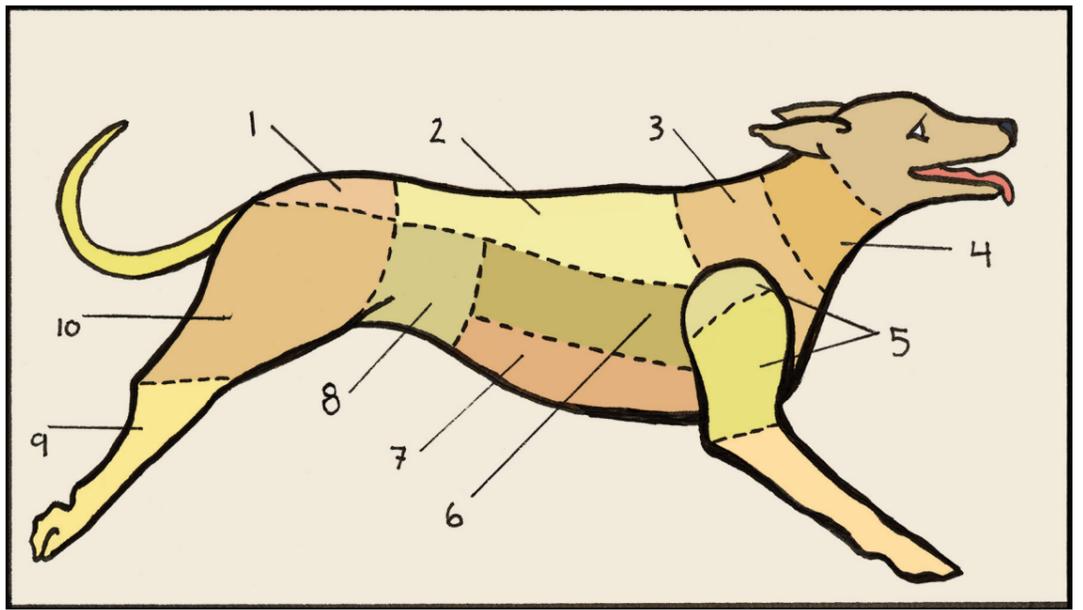


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# Tastiness no excuse for slaughter

Dogs don't go with fries, but why should it spare them from the chopping block?



MATT  
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about ourselves, pass the KFC, 'cause the horse race is about to begin. I sure hope none of these horses breaks its leg because then they'll have to shoot it—but then again, we do need glue.

You can't pick and choose which animals are okay to kill because then you start playing God, and according to the Rulebook for the Universe (aka the Bible), only God's allowed to play God—it's in his contract.

it's totally kosher to kill and eat them (well, I guess it's not kosher to eat pigs, but let's not get bogged down by semantics). So let me get this straight: if the person going all Hannibal Lecter on the cats around town because he's hungry, then it's okay? Dr Atkins might say yes, but he's dead.

Hell, we're allowed to shoot some animals just for fun. And not just small ones like rabbits—we're talking big ones, and Ted Morton thinks we should do more of it. But last time I checked, deer, moose, and elk are all God's creatures too.

What would you rather Vick and his boys do with the dogs that don't want to fight anymore? Make them keep fighting? Make them limp around in domestic captivity, (sorry, human-canine friendship) with broken legs, constant nightmares, and miles of scar tissue? That's just sad.

Just look at Evander Holyfield. You can't tell me that you don't secretly wish someone had taken him around back and given him the electric bath of retirement a few years ago. It would've been more humane than watching him get his brains beat in again and again.

All I'm saying is that if you're against the killing of dogs and cats, you'd better be against the killing of all mammals—and while you're at it, you might as well throw in reptiles too. In fact, if you don't want to be a hypocrite, you might as well join PETA, or even better, become a Jain. And if that sounds ridiculous, that's because it is—those people are nuts.

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Either it's okay to kill all animals, or no animals whatsoever. Chickens for KFC get electrocuted the same way Vick and his cronies got rid of the dogs that didn't fight well enough. They both have brains and personalities, and are capable of feeling pain and fear. Just because chicken is delicious (whereas dog meat is sub-par at best), that doesn't give us the right to value the life of one over the other—even if they are man's so-called best friend.

People always argue that chickens, cows, and pigs are food, and therefore,

It seems like killing domestic animals has become the newest fad. Goodbye Crocs—puppy-snuffing is in, and it's only a matter of time before Paris Hilton calls cat mutilation "hot." I have to admit, after listening to months of coverage on the Michael Vick story—not to mention the serial cat-carnage that occurred in Edmonton's West End—I'm totally sickened. When will it stop?

It's not the pointless slaughter of small animals that bothers me—that I don't have a problem with. It's the retarded double standard that we have when it comes to the treatment of animals that gets my goat.

Nobody hesitated for one second to jump all over Michael Vick when news came out about the illegal dog-fighting ring that he bankrolled, hosted, and delighted in. Obviously, the man committed a crime, and for that he should face the appropriate punishment. After all, there's no bigger moral slam-dunk than publicly tearing someone apart for executing dogs.

Way to take a stand, North America. Puppies are dying? That man is evil. He electrocuted pit-bulls? He's practically Hitler. Ok, now that we all feel better



Drink deep and grow strong, little monkey—you'll need the energy to dance for us later on.

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If you ride predictably, communicate with drivers, and make yourself visible, it's not nearly as dangerous as first impressions suggest. Don't be scared to bike, just be careful.

ALEX HINDLE  
Human Geography VI

### WebCT not the only option

Two opinions in the 18 September Gateway remind us that the university's web-based shortcomings are not confined to Bear Tracks (re: "WebCT deserving of more hatred," "The frustrations of snail mail can now be experienced online thanks to U of A").

Bryan Saunders' piece even proclaims the need for a new catch-all service for email, tuition payment, course notes, and registration. If the PeopleSoft debacle teaches us anything, it's to resist the lure of such monolithic undertakings. Bear Scat arose as a workaround for the failed pipe dream that is Bear Tracks, and equally painless workarounds exist

today for WebCT and WebMail.

Most English and Philosophy classes have already dumped WebCT in favour of an open-source platform called Moodle. Even in early testing it smashes WebCT. Moodle places genuinely smart course tools well within students' reach. More importantly, it has proven quick and reliable. As of mid-September, John Simpson's Philosophy 325 Moodle already boasts over twenty active student discussions. Bert Almon's English 409 Moodle offers a growing catalogue of multimedia on beat literature and jazz, with new content emerging by the week—each link loading in seconds. Students should push other departments to give Moodle a try.

Similarly, the best tonic for those sick of WebMail is a proper web-based alternative like Gmail. Sure, university correspondence is supposed to go through university channels, but here's a little secret: you can easily link a university account to a Gmail account so that everything funnels into Gmail and outgoing messages retain your ualberta.ca identity all without having to touch

WebMail. Plus Gmail does such handy things as cache certain functions to come up instantly when clicked on, sort related replies into conversations, and hold years' worth of mail in a private, keyword-searchable archive.

I've managed to avoid the horrors of WebMail and WebCT for over a year, and don't care to look back.

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Arts IV

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