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## CHAI'S HUMANE EDUCATION CURRICULUM READY FOR PRINT

***Sharing Home™***, CHAI's extensive humane education curriculum based on the latest scientific findings on animal intelligence and emotion, is the product of years of research, writing, and experience instilling humane values in children.

Each of the over 100 lesson plans in the curriculum is categorized by grade level and subject and contains compelling true stories, along with questions and activities that foster empathy and critical thinking. The meticulously referenced book is professionally designed and illustrated and includes fact sheets on each major topic, along with lists of relevant books, internet sites, and organizations to contact for additional information.

In addition to fascinating information about animal intelligence, emotions, and abilities, the curriculum contains lessons that foster respect and appreciation for our unique planet and the variety of species living on it. There are also exciting lessons that emphasize the source of the environmental threats that put our environment in peril. **The curriculum invites students to imagine a world in which we would all feel safe and happy to live, and challenges them to devote their energies to making the ideal real.**

This vital education project grew out of a conference on the link between violence toward animals and toward people co-sponsored by CHAI and Israel's Ministry of Education, and the teachers' seminars

around the country that followed. The seminars, led by humane and environmental education expert Rae Sikora, focused on providing teachers with practical techniques to instill empathy in students and empower them to use their every day choices to make a positive difference for the sake of people, animals and the planet we all share. Rae Sikora co-authored the humane education curriculum, together with CHAI's Director, Nina Natelson.

Studies show that humane education, taught for a minimum of one year, instills empathy in students and permanently changes their attitudes toward animals. Studies also show that those more empathetic attitudes are later transferred to humans when they grow up. **Humane education is character education. Can anything be more needed in our troubled world?**

**We need your help to put this unique and invaluable curriculum into the hands of teachers everywhere.** As is, it can be used in English-speaking countries. Translated into Hebrew, it can be used in Israeli schools.

### **Please help!**

**You have made it possible** for us to do the extensive research, writing, and graphic designing of the curriculum. The next step is to publish and distribute the book in the U.S., Israel, and other countries. The cost of printing the first run is \$20,000. **Please donate to this worthy project so we can empower thousands of students to bring about positive change for animals.**



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# A Sampling of the Content and Images in *Sharing Home*

## Love the One You're With (Appreciating and Respecting Planet Earth)

Before we can experience a desire to save the planet, we must fall in love with it. Slowing our hurried lives can allow us to appreciate nature's beauty, the diversity, and power, as well as feel compassion for its wounded state.

To instill caring about preserving a forest, for example, we first ask students to get to know an individual tree. Blindfolded, they feel and smell its bark, gauge the girth of its trunk and roots, the silhouette of its leaves.



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Blindfold removed, we ask them to find “their” tree among all others, and they are amazed that they can. We ask them to open all their senses to the world around them, and pose challenging questions:

- How can we reduce our energy consumption and share the earth's resources with other living beings on the planet?
- How much of what we throw away could be recycled? How does recycling help animals?
- What is the impact of war on animals and the environment?
- Do we learn more by observing animals in their natural habitat or in confinement?

## How Did We Get Here?

What beliefs, attitudes, and behavior led us to what scientists say is the brink of extinction? What must we do differently to live a healthy life, on a healthy planet, in harmony with other species?

- Who and what do we truly care about? Do our lifestyle choices accurately mirror those priorities?
- What is the true cost of the daily lifestyle choices we make, and of the products we purchase? Do the household products we buy contain animal ingredients, are they tested on animals, are they from natural fibers that decompose quickly, or from synthetic materials that take a very long time to biodegrade? Were they manufactured in plants that employ children, fail to pay workers a fair wage, or provide them with adequate working conditions? Were they excessively packaged or packaged using materials that cause destruction to the rainforest?

- Why do we consider some animals cute and feel affection for them, but see others as ugly or frightening? Where do our ideas about other species and the world come from? Can we exercise critical thinking to free ourselves of old patterns and think in new, less harmful and more compassionate ways?
- Does the value of humans or animals depend on their usefulness? When horses or human factory workers retire, do they lose their value, for example?
- What is the right use of power? We have the ability to move animals from one habitat and climate to another, but should we?



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## Caring for Self and Others

What are our responsibilities to ourselves and to the other strands in the interconnected web of life?

- Should we spay and neuter cats and dogs or allow them to breed? Should we have purebred or only mixed breed animals?
- What are the effects on the planet and animals of our everyday choices about what we eat and wear?
- When is using animals to help people (as in pet therapy) positive, and when is it abuse?

- How do we treat animals who entertain us in movies? Is it acceptable that the viewers, but not the performers, enjoy the experience?

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## Animals Are More Intelligent Than We Thought

The more scientists learn about animals, the faster our long-held assumptions about them are turned on their head. Animals are intelligent, sentient creatures, each one with an intelligence perfectly suited to their environmental niche.

- Chimps have a photographic memory superior to that of humans, outperforming college students in recalling numbers on a screen and correctly repeating the sequence. Humans are not alone in making and using tools. Crows bend wire into a hook to grasp hard-to reach food, chimps carry around a tool kit that includes a variety of stones useful in cracking nuts, and dolphins place sponges on their noses for protection when probing for food in murky water at riverbanks.
- Animals strategize and plan ahead, no different from humans. An orangutan exchanges a biscuit for a piece of wire from a light cord hanging from the ceiling of another orangutan's cage. He hides the wire around his gums, under his lip, until all the caretakers have gone, then uses the wire to jimmy the lock on his cage and the cages of the other orangutans in the zoo. The next morning, zookeepers find the primates comfortably resting in the trees, their natural habitat.



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- Humans have only begun to study the medicinal and nutritional properties of plants, especially those in the rainforest, which animals have always known. A pregnant elephant near term walks 17 miles in one day - many more than her usual three - to eat the leaves and trunk of a particular tree. Four days later, she gives birth to a healthy calf. Kenyan women brew tea from the leaves of this tree to induce labor. When it is cold and raining, woolly monkeys search out and eat nettles, a plant humans discovered boosts the immune system.
- Elephants communicate below the human hearing range over almost 10 km. Birds often communicate in sounds above our range and hear twice as fast as humans. For every note we hear, they may hear ten. Dolphins, who scientists say giggle just like human children when play fighting, hear 100 times faster than humans. Before initiating any group action, they face one another and politely take turns speaking in clicks and whistles until a consensus is reached.
- Some animals can predict tsunamis, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. Others find their way home over thousands of miles or know when their human companion is about to come home. How do they do it?

## The Emotional Lives of Animals

Animal brains, like human brains, have an amygdala, the part of the brain that permits humans to feel emotion. Anyone who lives with a dog or cat knows they experience happiness, sadness, love, fear, jealousy, and anger, just as we do. Recently, scientists discovered that the brains of some species also have spindle cells, the cells that allow us to feel emotions such as compassion, altruism, and gratitude. Humans are not alone in experiencing a complex emotional life, nor are they the only beings who express their emotions in song.

- A humpback whale entangled in crab pots weighing her down and threatening to drown her is rescued by volunteer divers who slowly and painstakingly cut off the pots, freeing her and saving her life. Once free, she turns to face each of her rescuers, one by one, and each reports feeling suffused with immense gratitude from her.

- A pig rushes to comfort her human companion who is lying on the floor unable to move or phone for help after suffering a heart attack. Then she squeezes herself outside the house through the dog door – something she never did before - scraping her skin till it bleeds. Bravely, she runs into the street and tries to hail down cars, even throwing herself on her back, legs in the air until finally, one driver stops and she leads him to the house. Learning of the woman's plight, the man immediately calls an ambulance.

- Chimpanzees climb to the top of a hill to gaze at a beautiful sunset, or dance with excitement and wonder at the sight of a waterfall. Bower birds of Australia arrange attractive blue objects around and in their bowers. Mice, whales, and gorillas also sing. Elephants approach human camps to listen silently while music is played.



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## Amazing Animal Abilities

Increasingly, scientists realize that animals possess astounding abilities and have come by many of them long before humans thought to make machines to approach them.



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- Any hippo can easily outrun a human, any sheep or goat can outclimb us.
- Dogs detect certain forms of cancer by smell with an accuracy and speed that outperforms human tests.
- Some animals have infrared vision, some can see polarized or ultraviolet light.
- Birds and butterflies migrate thousands of miles without benefit of a compass or map.
- In preparation for winter, one bird, the Clark's nutcracker, buries up to 33,000 seeds in over 9,000 caches every year and remembers the location of each seed.
- The nautilus mollusk descends 1,500 meters and back in the ocean without suffering the bends.

# HELP PROTECT HORSES FROM ABUSE

**Your Support is vital to maintain our campaigns, to protect cart horses from abuse, and to prevent gambling on horse races.**

**December 6<sup>th</sup> will mark an international day to raise awareness about the cruelty to cart and carriage horses. Your contributions will enable us to sponsor an event in Tel Aviv on that day to focus media attention in Israel on the terrible suffering these animals endure and the need to ban the practice. Your contributions will also enable us to continue our efforts to educate Knesset members about the cruelty to horses inherent in the greed-based gambling on racing industry, and to encourage them to vote against the bill that would allow it to gain a foothold in the country.**

**Please also continue to write and encourage others to write to Israeli government officials, asking them to ban the use of horses to pull carts through heavy traffic on busy city streets.** Anyone who uses a horse for work, including at riding stables, should be required to obtain an annual license following a satisfactory inspection by an independent horse veterinarian. Dogs and cars are required to have annual inspections and licenses. Why are horses exempt? In areas where there is already a licensing requirement, it must be enforced. In addition, anyone convicted of deliberate cruelty to horses should never be allowed to have horses again.

Requiring annual inspections and licenses will discourage abusers from buying horses cheaply, using them until they drop from exhaustion, illness, injury, or malnourishment, and then abandoning them. Licensing will also provide income to municipalities that can go toward veterinary treatment and housing of horses removed from their abusers. The police will be able to seize a horse whose owner has no proof of a license and an updated inspection. **Horse guardians will soon learn that they must either provide proper care for their horses or not have them.**



**Please write to the following:**

## **Chairperson of the Knesset Education, Culture, and Sports Committee**

The Knesset  
Kiryat Ben-Gurion  
Jerusalem 91950, Israel  
Email: V2@knesset.gov.il  
For a list of all Committee members, see Education, Culture, and Sports Committee Members.

## **Minister of Education, Culture, and Sport**

34 Shivtei Israel St.  
Jerusalem 91911, Israel  
**Fax:** 972-2-5602246  
**Email:** sar@education.gov.il; lishka@education.gov.il

## **Minister of Transportation**

The Knesset  
Kiryat Ben-Gurion  
Jerusalem 91950, Israel  
**Fax:** 972-2-6663009  
**Email:** sar@mot.gov.il

## **Mayor of Tel Aviv-Jaffa**

Tel Aviv City Hall  
69 Ibn Gvirol St.  
Tel Aviv 64162, Israel  
You can also write to the Mayor on the Tel Aviv Municipality's website at [www.tel-aviv.gov.il/english/general/contact/contact.htm](http://www.tel-aviv.gov.il/english/general/contact/contact.htm)

## Thank You to Synagogue Youth for Your Tzedakah Contributions

Congregation Beth Israel Religious School,  
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Temple Bremen Religious School, Atlanta, GA  
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Temple Emanuel, Tempe, AZ  
Temple Har Shalom Religious School, Warren, NJ  
Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Sixth Grade Class, Springfield, NJ  
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## Have you provided for your legacy into the future?

A bequest to CHAI is a strong statement of your concern for animals.

Please plan now so that your kindness will continue into the future. CHAI can be named as beneficiary of life insurance policies, bonds and other securities, house, and trusts. Securities can be willed to CHAI with the provision that you will continue to receive interest from them throughout your lifetime. Real estate can be willed to CHAI with the provision that the owner can remain in the house throughout his or her lifetime. Check with your lawyer, estate planner, or financial advisor for additional assistance and advice, or call us. Be sure that your attorney or bank has a copy of your will.

Because wills are legal documents, bequests should contain the phrase:

"I give, bequeath and devise Concern for Helping Animals in Israel (CHAI), POB 3341, Alexandria, VA 22302 the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and/or unencumbered properties described as \_\_\_\_\_ to be applicable for the general purpose of the organization."



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To add to an existing will, simply write a codicil (an amendment), stating the recipient's full legal name and address. Both wills and codicils must be witnessed and dated.

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