

## Membership / Donations

- I would like to support the work of the „Arbeitsgemeinschaft für artgerechte Nutztierhaltung“ e.V. from now on by becoming a sustaining member with an annual contribution of € .....  
(in words: .....  
(minimum: € 24,- / year).
- I make a donation of € .....  
€ .....

### Manner of Payment:

- I have enclosed a collection-only cheque.
- I am transferring my donation to the account of **AGfaN e.V.** at the **Sparkasse Harburg-Buxtehude (bank code 20750000), account # 13094958**
- I authorize the „Arbeitsgemeinschaft für artgerechte Nutztierhaltung“ e.V. to withdraw from my account a
  - monthly amount of € .....,.....
  - yearly amount of € .....,.....

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date / signature

(in the case of non-adults, signature of parent or person in charge)

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## We about ourselves:

The **Arbeitsgemeinschaft für artgerechte Nutztierhaltung e.V. (AGfaN)** has been active as an initiative in Hamburg and surroundings since 1980. We have been a registered association since 2002.

The **AGfaN e.V.** is acknowledged as being non-commercial and as particularly deserving. Donations and membership fees are tax-deductible (notice of exemption, Hamburg Tax Authority, Sept. 5th, 2000 (tax number 17/401/08502).



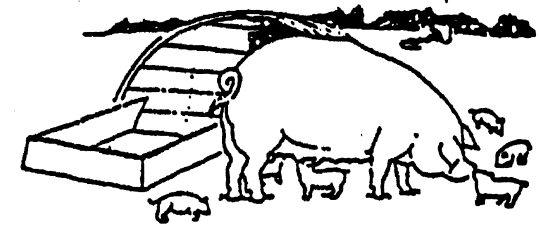
The beak on the left is clipped, the one on the right is normal. Beak clipping is still a legal procedure and customary in practice!



80% of the nerve-ends are situated in the tip of the beak. The amputation can be compared with the cutting off of the upper lip ! In the situations customary under practice conditions in intensive farming, ducks are not given any possibility for bathing. This often leads to inflammations of the eyes. The upper beaks of the Muskovy ducks („flying“ ducks) are also being clipped! Refrain from eating products from tortured animals!

## Arbeitsgemeinschaft für artgerechte Nutztierhaltung (AGfaN) e.V.

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animal welfare association



Animals need light, air, and freedom of movement – just like human beings do. We therefore demand:

Not this way.....

...but this way



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## **Animal Protection is Protection of Human Beings ! Why is this so?**

### Our health:

- Today, about 50% of the antibiotics production enters into the bodies of the animals. Apart from that, moreover, forbidden beta-blockers, psychotropics, and hormones are traced back in the meat.
- Worldwide studies confirm that our current meat consumption **makes us ill**. Prof. Rottka (study of the Fed. Ministry of Health: "One should not eat meat more than 1-2 times per week" **Vegetarians are less endangered by cancer; they have higher life expectancies and suffer less from civilisation diseases** (like coronary diseases, diseases of the circulatory system, osteoporosis, diabetes, etc.) !

### The social aspect:

- Quite often, farmers earn so little that they have to give up their family farms.
- For the greatest part, feed is imported from states of the Third World where the local population has to suffer from the lack of nutrition (soy, tapioca, grains). Further, they often employ pesticides there which have long been forbidden in our part of the world. These form concentrations in the fatty proportion of the meat.

### Environmental protection:

- The environment is also polluted due to the huge number of agricultural utilisation animals. Intensive farming requires enormous amounts of water and energy (approx. 160 l of water go into the

production of one hamburger!). Excessive liquid manure disturbs the water balance in rivers, in the North Sea and in the Baltic Sea. Methane from ruminants is an ozone killer!

### The suffering of the animals

- Turkeys are crammed together in huge production halls (50-56 kg of live weight/m<sup>2</sup> = 2.5 males or 5 females per m<sup>2</sup>). Most of them suffer from inflammations of the joints, chest-blisters, and deformed bone frames. Studies on pain reducing medicaments proved the pain animals suffer. The situation of broiler chicken is identical (23-25 animals /m<sup>2</sup>!!!).
- Male chicken of egg-laying breeds are gassed or shredded immediately after hatching.
- Tormenting cage-management of hens is lifelong suffering and constriction in half-light on wired grating, broken bones, deformed claws, lack of feathers, 12 months of pain and cruelty.
- Pigs with an intelligence like that of dogs are kept in half-light on slatted floors in painful constriction or in box-stands. Permanent breathing in of the stench of their faeces and urine which rises up through the slatted floors, the respiratory organs become damaged which leads to serious diseases of the respiratory tract.

### What makes our engagement so important NOW ?

- As enormous amounts of medication are administered in intensive farming (see "Our health"), the pharmaceutical industry prefers to leave everything as it is. Farmers' Union, CMA, and pharma-

industry try to convince us and our children with free information material of a perfect world.

### And this is what AGfaN e.V. is doing:

- We disclose deplorable situations and show the reality in animal managements and .
- current topics.
- We inform consumers on healthy nutrition and offer shopping tips. E.g., we tell you where you can get eggs and meat from animals kept according to the needs of their species.
- We stay in dialogue with farmers, with environmental and consumers' associations, and with politicians.
- We give our opinion on draft laws and decrees and offer our own suggestions.
- We are permanently educating ourselves, participate in congresses and trade fairs, we visit agricultural units, and form networks to be up to date.
- One of our latest projects is "**Animal Welfare at School**". For this, we refer to our special information sheet.

### ALL THIS REQUIRES MONEY !

For the progress of our work, we ask you for your support by a donation or by a sustaining membership.

**Thank you for your help !**

### Our bank for your donation:

Sparkasse Harburg-Buxtehude (20750000)  
Konto: 13094958

We shall certainly send you a confirmation of your donation for your tax declaration.

You will find an application for membership on the back of this flyer. Sustaining membership from € 24.--/year onwards.