

**Persuasive Essay on Why We Should Not Wear Clothes Made from Animal Skin**

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In almost every part of the world, there are magazine advertisements, commercials and billboards with models and celebrities sporting the latest leather jackets, fur coats, among others. We are so caught up in the latest trends in fashion that we end up forgetting or being ignorant of the terrifying methods used in making these products, and the way they contribute directly to animal cruelty. In the past, wearing animal skins and fur was critical for our survival, especially against the extreme temperatures (De Klerk, Kearns & Redwood, 2019). However, this is no longer the case. The availability of synthetic materials that are warm, and even more effective than the animal skins and furs means that any possible use of animal fur, wool, or leather is only for selfish ends.

Compassion is fashion, and being human is even more stylish. However, some individuals have misunderstood the concept of fashion. We are all aware of hunting animals for their skin and fur, and the shocking thing is that even the educated do not have awareness about the horrors that animals experience. Over forty-million animals are killed yearly for skin and fur (De Klerk, Kearns & Redwood, 2019). This is because clients want to cash in on their skin. It does not matter whether an animal is domesticated or in the wild, or even if it is in fur farm. Either way, it leads to pain and severe suffering for the animals whenever their fur is being trimmed or when their skin is taken out, and ultimately leads to their death. We should avoid wearing clothes made from animal fashion.

Animals, like human beings, have rights which must be protected at all costs. The evils done to animals are complicated and innumerable to take by a reasonable and sensitive human being. Animals that are raised in the fur farms spend almost their entire lives in prison, living in painful and dirty cages. Animals such as racoons, bobcats, nutria, and minks are regularly raised

for their fur. In these fur farms, animals are killed in the most painful ways such as gas suffocating, electric shock, and poisoning. Animals are individuals with the capacity to feel pain and show emotions. Therefore, they deserve better other than being transformed into shoes, coat or even handbags.

The skin taken from an animal is sometimes its principal value. Even when this is not the ideal situation, the skins from animals are lucrative co-products. This means that animal skins need to be preserved because when it is not kept, leather will rot, and this would cause significant global climate changes. The process of rotting leather involves releasing massive toxic chemicals in large volumes that end up in nearby water and soil supplies. The outcome is very devastating because people tend to use these products, and it could cause health issues. People will become infected and experience poor health outcomes because of using contaminated soil and water bodies. Hashmi et al. (2017) claims that the process of leather preservation does affect not only the environment but also human beings. 90% of the workers in a tannery industry in Pakistan die before attaining fifty years because of being exposed to these toxic chemicals (Hashmi et al. 2017). Therefore, even when we are considering to wear clothes made from animal skins, we should consider the effects of the leather preservation process that harms the environment and the people involved as well.

Most of the time, an animal's leg bone is cut after being trapped in the steel-jaw traps. The conibear traps are also used for squeezing animals' necks with high pressure. Some animals are dipped in the water where they struggle for over nine minutes before they die from drowning. In Canada specifically, there is an approved seal killing by the government where many animals are beaten or shot, and this practice amounts to the brutal murder. The black bears are also trapped and hunted for their skin, where there are made to suffer for days before meeting their death. Many cows and animals are killed in the United States for their skin. These animals experience horrors

that cannot be spoken of, including castration, dehorning without painkillers, tail cutting and even overcrowding. These animals are also sometimes skinned, and their neck mutilated or slammed even in their conscious state. Leather is also obtained from sheep, goat, pig, and cow, and the endangered species are not spared such as the ostrich and kangaroo. A lot of leather from China and India are exported to other nations because of the lack of strict animal welfare laws. The sheepskin and fur have high demands, and this makes these animals nothing else but a wool-producing device (Lim, 2018). The innocent sheep are incapable of using their wool for self-protection. Instead, they are shaved off using merciless shearers. The shackles used for shearing are some of the examples or instances where animal cruelty is shown at its best. The idea is that fashion should be fun and not deadly.

Fashion should be fun and not deadly because the worldwide leather industry has sacrificed over a billion animals yearly and with the most inhumane conditions. There are also options for the use of animal skins and furs. People can wear vegan-friendly fabrics that do not cause any brutal treatment to animals. The vegan-friendly wear has come a long way, and people can purchase durable handbags that are produced from pineapple leaves, cork, microfiber, and recycled plastic bottles that breathe and look like leather. These vegan-products do not cost sheep, cows, and related animals, their lives and do not subject them to brutal and harsh treatments (Moktadir et al. 2020). When there are many wise and beautiful alternatives available, there is no point in using fur and animal skin. We must avoid all commodities that are produced using animal skin. Even purchasing small fur products is akin to supporting the brutal business. No market can thrive without clients, and this explains the need for educating consumers to avoid wearing fashion made from fur. It is high time people understand that leather shoes they own encourage the evil actions

behind its production. Fashion needs to be fun and not deadly, and it should not be achieved at the cost of the speechless and helpless animals.

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