Why Do Farm Animals Need Sanctuary?

- Most animals reach Indraloka via Humane Police Officers who have seized them through court orders after the animals have experienced abuse or extreme neglect.
- Some animals are rescued from hoarding situations when the guardians have neither the space, nor the mental health, nor the experience to care for farm animals.
- Some animals escape live markets or fall or jump from trucks headed to slaughter.
- Some animals escape from factory farms and are found wandering country roads or hiding in the woods.
- Rescues and shelters for dogs and cats abound throughout the US. Farmed animals in need are often left for dead or euthanized because there is nowhere for them to go.
- 99% of farm animals in the US are raised in factory farms.
- Approximately 25 million farm animals are slaughtered each day in the US.
- Studies show that farming and ranching are responsible for 68% of all species endangerment in the US.
- About 9%—more than 850 million—of the animals reared for food in the US each year never make it to slaughter because they have already died from a stress-induced disease or injury.
- Nearly 10 billion farm animals were slaughtered in the US in 2021.
- Most animals reared for meat on factory farms are slaughtered while less than one year old.
- 94% of Americans agree that animals raised for food deserve to live free from abuse and cruelty. Yet 99% of the nearly 10 billion land-based animals, plus countless more aquatic animals, farmed for food each year in the U.S. live in unacceptable conditions that do not align with consumers’ stated values.
- Improperly maintained farms can be breeding grounds for Salmonella, E. coli and other pathogens that can be passed to humans through meat, dairy and eggs, and through person-to-person contact.
- Farm animals are typically fed large doses of antibiotics to offset disease. But bacteria is constantly adapting and evolving. Misuse, overuse and dependence on antibiotics in the food system creates the potential for dangerous, drug-resistant strains of bacteria to develop and spread among people and animals.
- Waste from factory farms pollutes the water, land and air in neighboring communities, compromising both human health and environmental integrity.
- Factory farms consume massive quantities of finite resources, including water and fossil fuels, while releasing a number of harmful emissions.
- Industrial animal agriculture generates more greenhouse gases than all the world’s transportation combined and emits more than 400 types of toxic gas.

Source: ASPCA, “The Problem with Factory Farming”