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The issue of animal welfare.

We spend much of our lives with animals: pets, bugs, birds, rodents... not to mention those we eat or wear. Often, we would rather ignore the fact that we curtail entire lives in order to enjoy the drugs and cleaning products that we do. Such killing is often invisible--who could detect pork gelatin in sorbet?--and unsuspected, as with animal testing, but a stage in the manufacturing process. Through this study, Florence Burgat urges us to wonder what apparently insignificant deeds and such large-scale practices as factory farming teach us, whether they are fair or justifiable, and why the legal acknowledgment of animal suffering sparks such controversy.
