



svoboda zvířat

organizace
na ochranu zvířat



Svoboda zvířat (Freedom for Animals)

Freedom for Animals (Svoboda zvířat – SZ) is a nation-wide non-profit organisation engaged in protecting animals and associating people who support its aims. Our mission is based on the idea that each and every life has its own unique value that should not depend on the momentary human judgement. Our organisation was founded in 1994.

Our Aim

Our efforts do not focus only on animal welfare (although from a short-term perspective we agree with this approach); the key aim is to change people's attitudes towards animals – for animals to be perceived as living beings with their own intrinsic value. The way people treat animals should not be based on the possible benefits of the animals' use. Any activity of our organisation is based on the idea of non-violence and respect for the personal freedom of every Earthling.

What We Do

Freedom for Animals organises workshops and expert conferences, discussions, exhibitions, information stalls, showing documentaries, vegan food tasting etc. For educational campaigns, our organisation issues leaflets, brochures, posters, and produces film documentaries.

Our campaigns focus on so-called fur animals, the replacement of animal experiments and animals in circuses. Besides other activities, Freedom for Animals also places emphasis on environmental and ethical awareness through successful lecturing about ecology and animal protection in elementary and secondary schools, as well as at universities and other public places. Within our campaigns, we organise petitions, demonstrations, submit amendments and comments to drafts of legislation and governmental decrees concerning the protection of animals, prepare suggestions and proposals on improving animal protection, cooperate with authorities, participate in administrative proceedings, lobby etc. To promote cosmetics and household products that are not tested on animals, Freedom for Animals grants the Humane Cosmetics Standard and the Humane Household Products Standard international certificates to Czech companies fulfilling given criteria. Ethically responsible fashion traders are awarded the Fur Free Retailer certificate. In 2006, Freedom for Animals opened an information centre in Prague where it now provides the public with information about all areas of animal protection. Another information centre has for a long time been in the office of Freedom for Animals in Pilsen, which is the headquarters of the organisation.

Cooperation

The organisation cooperates with Czech and foreign animal protection organisations that have similar aims and missions. Freedom for Animals is a member of the Fur Free Alliance (international coalition that fights against fur fashion), ECEAE (European Coalition to End Animal Experiments) and ENDCAP (The European Network to End the Keeping of Wild Animals in Captivity). Besides these activities, our association actively cooperates with other partner organizations in Europe (WSPA, RSPCA, InterNICHE, Viva!), as well as in the USA (HSUS, PETA). Our work also includes discussions and cooperation with authorities engaged in animal protection – the Central Commission for Animal Welfare, the State Veterinary Administration, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of the Environment.

Financing SZ's Activities

Membership fees and donations from the public make up about 90% of our income. Another 3% comes from grants which usually support the Cat Protection department. The rest of our finances come from selling promotional items and organising fundraising events. SZ does not accept money from companies that profit from abusing animals.

SZ's Achievements

During its 20-years history, Freedom for Animals achieved many successes, such as enforcement of the ban on animal testing of cosmetics and cosmetic ingredients in the Czech Republic, closing down of some fur farms or participation in the implementation of cat- and dog-fur trade ban and seal-based products trade ban in the EU. However, we see our greatest achievement in the fact that public now accepts animals as feeling creatures.



Freedom for Animals: Information Centre

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Svoboda zvířat is grateful for any financial support donated to allow its activities to continue. You can become a SZ member for a minimal contribution of 300 CZK. Our members receive The SZ Bulletin 4 times a year and have a 10% discount in the e-shop. Please note, we prefer Czech account for the payment as we have additional expenses for donations from foreign accounts.

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