

How you can help

If you think cruelty to animals is wrong, please support us in the ways which suit you best. Whatever you do, we really appreciate it. Thank you so much.

- Please tell us you support our aims by registering at www.league.org.uk/register and we will keep you up-to-date with our campaigns.
- You can also phone or email or write to us with your details. The more supporters we have, the more we can do to improve animals' lives.
- Don't visit a bullfight or a festival involving bull running.
- Boycott travel agents, tour operators, hotels and restaurants that promote bullfighting. Remember to let them know why you are doing so.
- Make sure your friends and family are aware of why they shouldn't visit a bullfight while abroad.
- Sign the petition at www.bullfightingfree.com
- Help spread the word by telling your friends and family about our work. You can request leaflets at our website or by phoning or emailing us.
- Donate to our Bullfighting campaign. We don't receive any Government or National Lottery funding and rely on the generosity of our supporters.

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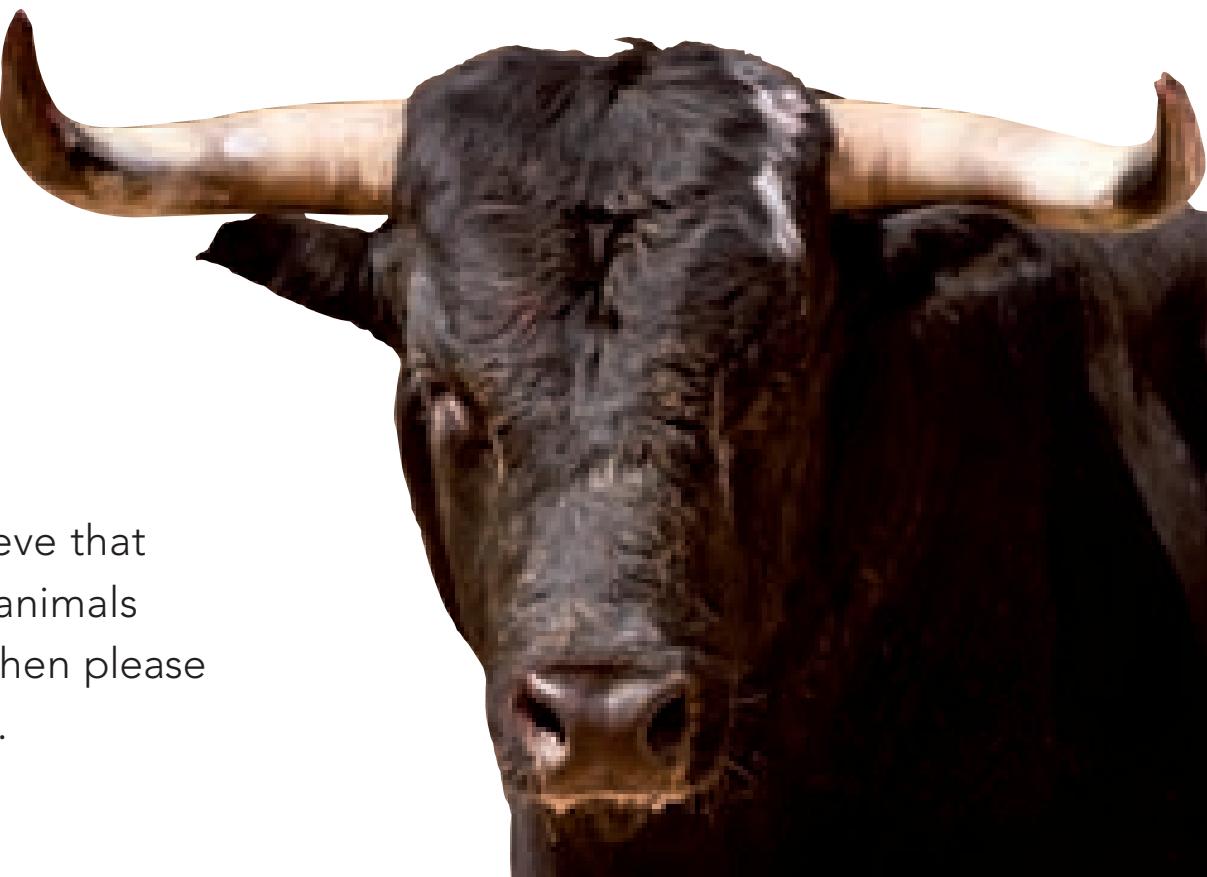
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Bullfighting

Sport or Cruelty?



If you believe that cruelty to animals is wrong, then please support us.

Bullfighting: the cruelty must stop!

The League Against Cruel Sports is a registered charity that brings together people who care about animals. Like the majority of the public, we believe that cruelty to animals in the name of sport has no place in modern society. We have no political bias. We were established in 1924 and are unique because we focus on cruelty to animals for sport.

We have shown that lawful campaigning can bring about change, most notably when we were the leading organisation involved in getting the Hunting Act 2004 introduced. We continue to campaign to uphold and enforce the Act, as well as for an end to bullfighting and the use of snares, for fairer treatment of racing animals and for a stop to the commercial shooting of live targets for sport. We also campaign to increase the enforcement of laws to protect dogs, foxes and badgers from being pitched against fighting dogs for entertainment.

What's wrong with bullfighting?

Thousands of bulls are maimed, tortured and killed for entertainment each year in Spain, Portugal, France, Columbia, Mexico, Venezuela, Peru, Guatemala and the USA. And now even China has plans to introduce bullfighting.

- Tens of thousands of bulls die in bullfights around the world every year.
- It is not a fair fight as a bull faces not only the matador but also several men on horses and on foot armed with weapons. In addition, bulls can be weakened using drugs or by shaving their horns to make them extremely sensitive to pain and to disorientate the animals.
- During a bullfight a bull is provoked into charging by men on horseback who drive lances into its back and neck muscles. The bull is stabbed with harpoons

until it is weak and distressed. The matador forces the confused and exhausted animal to make a few charges and eventually he attempts to kill it with a sword. If he misses the bull's heart, the animal is stabbed repeatedly until paralysed. When the bull finally collapses, the spinal cord is cut, but the animal may still be conscious as its ears and tail are cut off and awarded to the matador as a trophy.

- Tourism provides important revenue for the bullfighting industry. Fourteen million Britons travel to Spain every year, which makes bullfighting a British issue.
- Spanish bull breeders receive EU agricultural subsidies, meaning that UK taxpayers' money supports the industry.
- Public polls prove that the majority of people are against bullfighting. 89% of British people would not visit a bullfight (ComRes 2008) whilst in Spain 67% are not interested in bullfighting (Gallup 2008). In France, 69% of people oppose public funding for bullfighting (YouGov 2009).

What is the League doing about it?

- We work with other animal welfare organisations to lobby MEPs from the UK and other European countries to put an end to bullfighting.
- We discourage bullfighting tourism and produce an online Ethical Travel Guide to help people make informed holiday choices.
- We campaign to stop the subsidies being paid to bull farmers and breeders.
- We persuade big businesses to drop their sponsorship or promotions of bullfighting.
- We campaign to raise awareness of the cruelty and suffering inflicted by the bullfight.



The League Against Cruel Sports works to expose and bring to an end the cruelty inflicted on animals in the name of sport.