

Global Justice for Animals and the Environment

Global Justice for Animals and the Environment exists to provide an uncompromising voice for animals in the fight against pro-corporate free trade agreements and related neoliberal economic policies that compromise the interests, nonhuman animals, and damage the environment. We also work in solidarity with and in support of the rights of indigenous communities in their struggles to defend the earth from the exploitative practices of extractive industries and to preserve their sustainable ways of life.

At the national level and in cities throughout the US, we work to build alliances between animal and environmental advocates and other sectors of the global justice movement.

Our research team provides animal and environmental advocacy groups, members of Congress, and the broader global justice movement with in-depth analysis of the threat to animals and the planet posed by proposed trade agreements.

As advocates, we mobilize local, national, and international animal and environmental advocacy groups to pressure elected officials to oppose anti-animal, anti-environmental free trade agreements—and to hold them accountable when they vote against animals and the planet. To provide activists with the tools they need for effective grassroots lobbying efforts on free trade agreements, we develop resource kits for animal and environmental advocacy groups

To demonstrate that responsible animal and environmental advocacy organizations stand united against NAFTA-style free trade agreements, we draft “sign-on letters”, circulate them to animal and environmental advocacy organizations to endorse, and fax them to every member of Congress. In 2005, we sent a letter to Congress in opposition to the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement—with the endorsement of 103 animal advocacy and environmental organizations.

Working with the media, we inform the public that pro-corporate trade agreements endanger animals and the planet, and that people who care about animals and the environment must demand that their legislators oppose them.

Global Justice for Animals and the Environment is a 100% volunteer-run project. With a background in animal and environmental advocacy, global justice activism, indigenous rights advocacy, and political action, we have the contacts, the experience, and the knowledge to give animals and the planet a fighting chance in the battle for global justice.



Fox caught in a steeljaw leghold trap. The European Union's wild fur ban would have prohibited the sale of furs from nations where this cruel device was still legal, but the EU backed down under the threat of a Canadian/US World Trade Organization challenge.

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