

PAKISTAN

VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

Overall Rank 17

Pakistan was an *adequate* performer on the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 due to its low production and consumption of animal products.

Producing Cruelty

Rank 7

Pakistan slaughters around 4.9 land-based animals per person / year, which is lower than the global average of 9.7. The country's dependency on farmed animals is high, with around 5.6 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). While animal production is typically small-scale and extensive, there is evidence of a shift towards large-scale factory farming systems. With stricter environmental and welfare regulations across Europe, there is concern [<http://www.worldwatch.org/node/534>] big agribusiness will look to set up factory farms in Pakistan.

Consuming Cruelty

Rank 12

The Pakistani diet contains a higher proportion of animal products than average, with around 41.1% of the average person's diet being made up of land-based animal protein (compared with a global average of 35.2%). This equates to each person consuming around 26.7g of land-based animal protein per day, which is on par with the global average.

Sanctioning Cruelty

Rank 46

Pakistan was given an "F" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also a poor performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. The API notes that Pakistan's laws are outdated (most likely a remnant of the British colonial system), and that enforcement mechanisms are inadequate. The poor treatment of captive animals is also a major concern. Learn more about the quality of Pakistan's legislative protections on the API here [https://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_pakistan_report.pdf].



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