## THOUGHTS FROM THE WEEK

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## Animals Deserve & Are Meant To Have More Respect



## What a week can bring!

As this past week went on I was digesting some things I saw on tv and read about. Here are a few of them.

- A group of people on a tv show protesting certain companies that experiment on animals
- A young girl in a movie holding two ducks she just shot and waving them around
- A story about a dog that was shot because he was on someone's land

I am not one who sees or hears these things and then goes on with life. Because I care, I give them some thought. So here is what I thought about these particular things from this past week.

- I am all for protesting and standing up for animals and I was so happy to see this included in a tv program. But it went too far when one of the people was planning a violent act in her protest. This was a tv show but I think we are well aware this type of thing happens for real. Violence is never the answer and will most likely have the opposite effect that is hoped for. They will not hear anything you're saying. They instead will become angry about that act, dismiss what you were trying to protest, and label you "crazy."
- The girl in the movie holding the two ducks she just shot to many people is nothing to think twice about. But those were two lives just taken away and "killing" is certainly not part of God's plan for his creation. So this type of thing makes many of us uncomfortable.
- The dog that was shot is a true story that was recently posted on a LOST PETS site. The story was that the dog got separated from his family during a car accident. He couldn't get home due to injuries and probably not knowing the way. So he was hiding out on some land for what sounds like three months. When a woman heard about this dog she was planning to try to rescue him but it was too late, he was shot & killed. Noone else helped him in all of that time he was there waiting to be rescued and instead saw him as an annoyance because he was on their land. As the woman who was sharing the story said "DOGS DON'T CHOOSE TO BE ABANDONED." No animal chooses to be abandoned or chooses to be in a car accident, injured, and lost. They are not an annoyance, they are not a bother, they are not trespassing. They share this earth with us and are just looking for our help sometimes. It is our duty, our responsibility, a command given by God, to HELP.

Animals deserve and are meant to have more respect. If we taught this to our children and everyone had empathy for animals, I wonder how different the world would be?

