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## Animal Care/Rights and Judaism Quotes

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“There is no difference between the pain of man and the pain of other living beings, since the love and the tenderness of the mother for her young ones is not produced by reasoning but by feeling, and this faculty exists not only in man but in most living things.”  
- Maimonides

“The Talmud states that the obligation to relieve an animal from pain or danger supersedes rabbinic ordinances related to the Sabbath.” Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 128b

“The righteous person regards the life of his beast.” - Proverbs 12:10

“You shall not plow with an ox and mule harnessed together [since both animals, being of unequal size and strength, will suffer].” - Deuteronomy 22:10

“If along the road, you come upon a bird’s nest... with fledglings or eggs and mother sitting over the fledglings or on the eggs, do not take the mother together with her young. Let the mother [fly away], and only [then] take the young...” - Dueteronomy 22:6-7

“Once, while Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, one young sheep ran away. Moses ran after it until the sheep reached a shady place, where he found a pool of water and began to drink. When Moses reached the sheep, he said: ‘I did not know you ran away because you were thirsty. Now, you must be exhausted [from running].’ Moses put the sheep on his shoulders and carried him [back to the herd]. God said, “Because you tend the sheep belonging to human beings with such mercy, by your life I swear you shall be the shepherd of My sheep, Israel.” - Exodus Rabbah 2:2

“If the Torah had not been given [at Sinai], we could have learned modesty from the cat, honesty from the ant, chastity from the dove, and good manners from the rooster, who first coaxes, then mates.” - Babylonian Talmud, Eruvin 100b

“Behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you, and with every living creature that is with you: the fowl, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you.” - Genesis 9:9-10

“Six days shall you labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God, in it you shall not do any manner of work, neither you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your man-servant, nor your maid-servant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger within your gates.” - Exodus 20:8-10