



CAREGIVING IS ACTIVISM because...

Rescuing any individual from exploitation and providing them sanctuary changes their life forever.

By giving animals an opportunity to live their life free from exploitation, sanctuary gives people an opportunity to get to know animals as individuals and not commodities.

Microsanctuaries offer a vision for farmed animals' futures other than victimization and suffering; they show the possibility of hope.

Caring for farmed animals challenges speciesism. When we offer farmed animals the same level of care we would a "traditional" animal companion, it shows the world that they are just as worthy of respect and consideration.

There are many ways to be an activist! Activism doesn't always involve going to protests and participating in actions. Caregiving can honor our unique strengths and use them to help animals more effectively while staying true to ourselves.

What is Microsanctuary Resource Center?

MRC started in late 2014 as The Microsanctuary Movement with the goal of inspiring vegans to rescue farmed animals with their existing resources, creating a new model for sanctuary and a community. Now, our goal is to continue providing support and information for microsanctuaries, so they can provide companion-level care to every resident in the context of anti-oppression and liberation activism.

What is a microsanctuary?

Along with being smaller than traditional farm sanctuaries, any vegan home can be a microsanctuary when caring for animals who aren't usually seen as "companions" -not just farmed animals, but other species like rodents, fishes, and even insects. A microsanctuary can be as small as one rescued individual! A microsanctuary is always founded on vegan principles and should follow the MRC Core Principles in order to provide the best care possible to residents.



How Sanctuaries Can Increase Impact

• Influence Local Ordinances

It's common for ordinances to be unfair to farmed animals, especially roosters. Getting involved in local legislation can positively impact animals beyond those in your care.

• Community Involvement

Becoming involved with your local community can open up a number of ways to advocate for animals, whether it's tabling at events, hosting tours, or other forms of community engagement.

• Outreach

Sharing the lives of residents and your personal experience as their caregiver are powerful forms of outreach, whether it's in-person or online. Tools such as social media can be used to reach wide audiences.

• Encourage Microsanctuaries

Operating a sanctuary feels out of reach for many. Microsanctuaries show others that it's possible to provide sanctuary with the resources we do have!

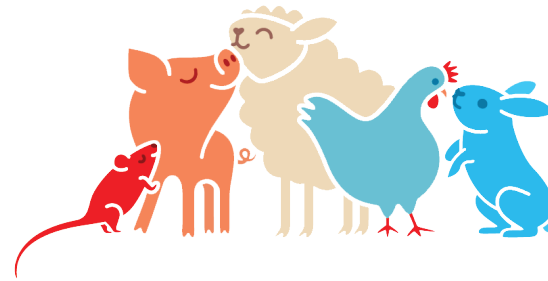
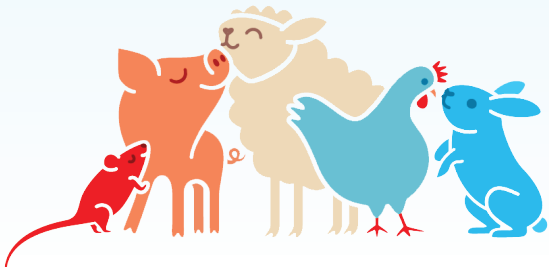
• Promoting Diversity

By increasing accessibility to caregiving and sanctuary operation, we promote diversity within the sanctuary movement and move closer to collective liberation.



MRC Core Principles

1. Ethical veganism
2. No consumption of animal products, including from microsanctuary residents
3. Rejection of "humane" animal husbandry
4. Absolutely no breeding of residents, and proper precautions are taken to avoid breeding (including spay/neuter when appropriate)
5. Priority is given to the safety and physical and emotional well-being of residents
6. All human and non-human interactions are respectful
7. Animals will not be purchased from for-profit sources
8. Microsanctuaries strive to be spaces of collective liberation, providing all species freedom from violence, oppression, and exploitation



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