

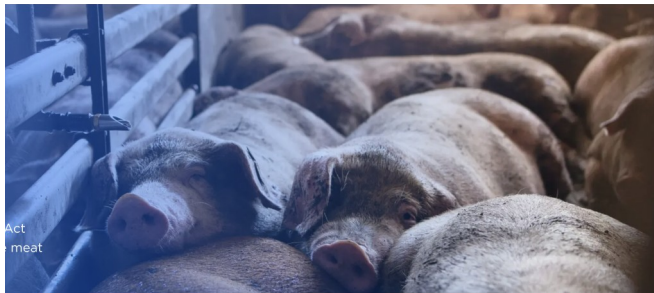


**UUAnimal Ministry at OCUUC  
NEWSLETTER  
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**Take Action**

**Support the  
Industrial Agriculture Accountability Act**

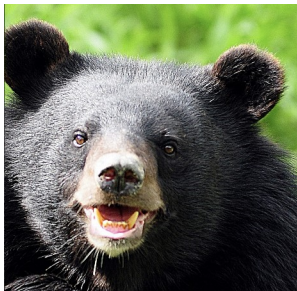


Factory farming hurts farmed animals, communities, and the environment. IAA (S. 272 / H.R. 805) would make the corporations which benefit from such extreme exploitation take responsibility. The bill would restrict cruel mass killing or “depopulation” (killing by inducing heatstroke or suffocation), establish currently nonexistent legal protections for chickens, turkeys, and other farmed birds, and modernize and make animal transport standards more humane.

[Lend your voice at Mercy for Animals](#)

**Good News for Animals**

**South Korea Ends Cruel Bear Bile Farming**

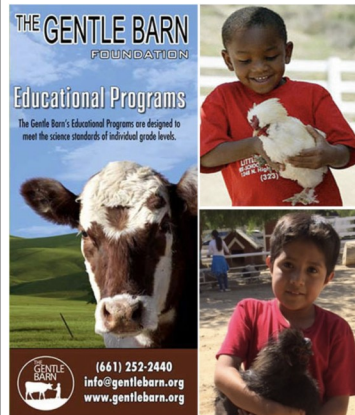


As of January 1, 2026, South Korea has officially ended its bear bile farming industry. Asiatic black bears were confined for decades in tiny, barren cages. Many suffered chronic infections, open wounds, and immense pain from repeated bile extraction, a practice condemned by veterinarians and animal welfare advocates worldwide. The government has committed to overseeing the relocation and lifelong care of the remaining bears.

[Read more on World Animal News](#)

**Animal Welfare Organization of the Month**

**The Gentle Barn**



The Gentle Barn in Santa Clarita is a sanctuary for animals and humans alike, offering programs that are designed to provide healing, support, and connection to individuals and communities. Rescued animals are partnered with people suffering from the same stories of trauma. People of all ages are connected to the love and magic of animals.

[The Gentle Barn](#)

**Pet Food Collection**



We are continuing to collect donations pet food on Sundays for pets of homeless and low-income pet owners through the No Empty Bowls program of OC Animal Allies. Please bring unopened canned or dry pet food and also new toys, blankets, and leashes.

[OC Animal Allies](#)

**UUAM Meetings**

The UU Animal Ministry group at OCUUC will meet on Zoom on February 8 and March 8, at 2:30. Come join in and help us decide on our next actions to help animals!

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