

Notes

Chapter 4 Sex: Carnal Desire and the Eating of Animals

- 1 Carol Adams presented 'The Sexual Politics of Meat' at the 'Meet Animal Meat' conference, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden 21st–23rd May 2009. The ensuing debate, and particularly the interventions of Judith Halberstam, articulated this view very strongly.
- 2 The empirical material for this article is drawn most heavily from the two best selling food magazines in the UK, *Good Food*, published monthly by the BBC, and *Sainsbury's Magazine*, published by New Crane Publishing.

Chapter 5 Death: 'Growing' and Killing Animals

- 1 This account draws largely on best practices. These are best practices within the UK and also, relatively, globally – given that in many parts of the world there is no regulation to promote 'animal welfare' in farming and killing animals, and that in the US for example, stocking densities in intensive agricultural systems and 'processing' rates in slaughterhouses are legally much higher than the limits within the EU (Nibert, 2002: 163). The farms I visited and farmers I interviewed were largely beef and dairy, and all allowed their animals to graze (i.e. a 'free range' system), supplemented by a predominantly vegetarian diet. I declined the opportunity to visit an intensive pig farm and to observe the slaughter of pigs and birds, but according to animal welfare groups and those I spoke to in slaughterhouses and farms, these involve some of the worst practice in animal farming. Here, I have relied on accounts provided by animal welfare groups corroborated by comments from those working in the industry, and reports from Government appointed bodies such as the Farm Animal Welfare Council.
- 2 This however, was not necessarily of benefit for those who ate the beef, as Howard Zinn, in his 'peoples history' of the United States (cited by Nibert, 2002: 60) notes the extent of food poisoning from rotten canned meat sold to the army by large meat packing corporations during this period.
- 3 Interview, specialist advisor in Environmental Health, London Borough of Hackney. The number of slaughterhouses has halved in the last two decades as a number of large companies have taken over smaller operations.
- 4 Interviews with casual labourers in a cutting plant dealing with chilled and frozen meat.
- 5 The lairage is a space in which animals are kept, often overnight, before they are killed. It usually takes the form of a series of holding pens.
- 6 I first came across the existence of mechanically reclaimed meat, or MRM, in an interview with a butcher working at Smithfield meat market in London.
- 7 Interview, slaughterhouse manager, Romford, Essex.
- 8 Interview, Senior Environmental Health Officer, Havering District Council.
- 9 As can be seen from articles in their professional journal, *The Meat Hygienist*.

Chapter 6 Love: Stories from the Lives of Companion Species

- 1 This is seen as a serious issue. The RSPCA and animal shelter charities such as The Dogs Trust, boycotted the world's largest and most famous dog show – 'Crufts' – run by the UK Kennel Club, in March 2009. This was in reaction to a BBC documentary which alleged that unhealthy and sometimes inbred dogs were winning best in breed competitions at the show, and insinuated a form of racism apparent in the Kennel Club fixation on breed purity. The RSPCA alleged that Kennel Club breed standards encourage the breeding of deformed and disabled dogs and the BBC broke its contract in not televising the show. There were anti-Kennel Club demonstrations at the exhibition centre, by both animal welfarist and animal liberationist groups, and even by some breeders.
- 2 In the UK the most common source of companion dogs is rescue centres (32 per cent), followed by friends and acquaintances (25 per cent). Pet shops account for a relatively small proportion of sales (7 per cent) but dog breeders retain a fair share of the market (16 per cent) (Pet Food Manufacturers Association, 2008).

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