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Anti- euthanasia: Respect Dogs' Life

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to discuss whether animals have their own rights in this documentary, *Twelve Nights*. We often learn a lot of news about dogs being abandoned, which makes them stray dogs. *Twelve Nights* talks about the euthanasia of dogs. The director, Giddens Ko, made this documentary raise awareness on how abandoned dogs lived and how they were killed. This documentary made us wonder whether we are doing the right thing for them. From our results of this study, we should adopt animals instead of trading them. After watching *Twelve Nights*, we explored more about this issue. We wanted to learn what will happen to them after animals were abandoned. After the documentary was released, this issue was brought to attention. A lot of people are now supportive to the perspectives on this documentary while some people are still against it. For us, we would like to speak for dogs in this paper.

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I. Introduction

I.1.Introduction of the Documentary *Twelve Nights*

The film suggests the idea of “adoption, not abandon”. The documentary does not only take the perspective of humans, but also from the animals. The documentary narrates the story about abandoned animals, and how they might die in twelve nights. Euthanasia is a topic which people are afraid of and often disagree with others. It explores the humans desire to love and own a pet. Yet, if they do not have the ability to feed or to take them for walks, do they truly love them? Many people buy animals as pets just for the moment of excitement. They did not provide the proper treatment, and they even hurt them. People do not care about the feelings of animals. Animals are innocent; they were forced to being taken from their parents, so we can adopt them. Not only we should take good care of them, we should also love them, and treat them as our own family. The message is clear, you don't let your loved pet suffer, why would you let abandoned dogs suffer. It leaves you with idea that adoption is the alternative to purchasing. It is a very moving documentary.

I.2.Motivation and Study Purpose

This paper aims to examine whether animals have their own rights in this documentary, *Twelve Nights*. In *Twelve Nights*, when dog-catchers capture stray dogs, they throw them into shelters. Twelve days later, if the dogs were not being adopted, the dog-catchers will put them to death. The purpose of this paper is to bring up the idea of anti- euthanasia and speak for dogs' right. Human beings should respect dogs' life. Not only do humans have rights but dogs also have their own rights, too.

In this modern society, everyone is emphasizing on the rights of human and the animals. Not only do we need to protect the endanger animals, but also the dogs and cats. We can't take away their freedom. If you want to raise these animals, make sure they are not alone. There are people out there that don't care about animal rights. We need to establish rules for them; every creature that lives in this world should have their rights. More people should know about animal's rights.

I.3.Research Questions

1. Do dogs have their own animal rights?
2. Do you approve of euthanasia?
3. Do you think animals can be regarded as goods?

II. Method

II.1 Participants

We collected 51 questionnaires to investigate the comment, about 82.4% of people support that animals should have their own right, and they don't regard animals as product. However, there are 11.8% of them don't understand what is

animal right. Also there are 74.5% of people fight against euthanasia and 11.8% of people have no idea about this issue.

II.2 Instrument

We are working on a research about the topic of anti-euthanasia. Based on the discussions of the documentary *Twelve Nights*, we need some authentic data to understand everyone's opinion, so we design this questionnaire. The first part is personal information and the second includes 3 research questions.

III. Results

III.1. Do dogs have their own animal rights?

Based on the Figure 1, we found that 82.4% of the participants say "yes" on the question "Do dogs have animal rights?" While there were 11.8% of the participants say "no" on this question. They deserve to be treated well. Do we need to treat them as our family, or just pets and food? If you see an animal being mistreated, what would you do? Would you walk up to stop it? Or join them? If you choose to help them, they may have the opportunity to live, or even find someone who cares about them. If you don't stop it right away, this animal could have die. Not only do we betray our own moral standard, we will also be convicted. Speaking from the human's perspective, would you be happy if we were the one being abused? We need to start thinking for others, even if they are just animals.

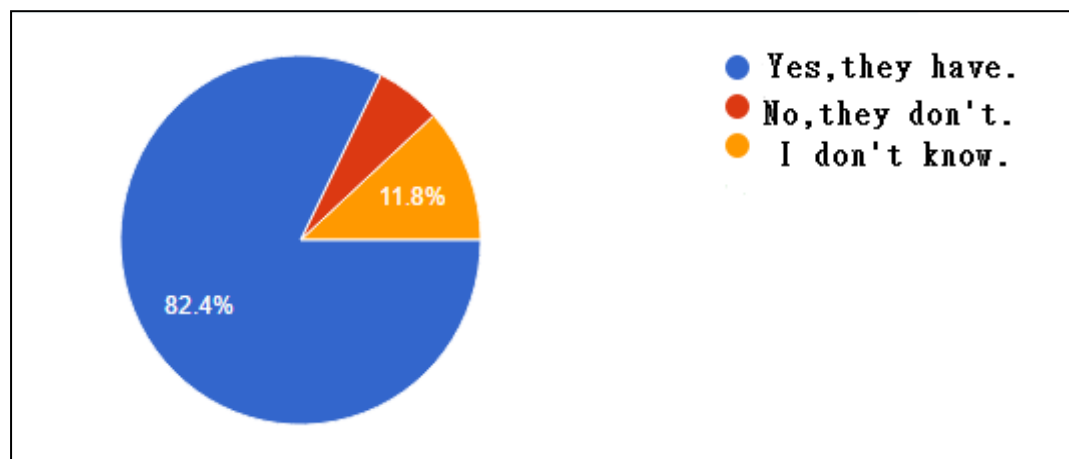


Figure.1 Do dogs have their own animal rights?

III.2. Do you approve of euthanasia?

Based on the Figure 2, we found that 11.8% the participants say "yes" on the question "Do you approve of euthanasia?" While there were 74.5% of the participants say "no" on this question. If you don't want them being euthanized, you shouldn't abandon them. Once they are being abandoned, they will be sent to the shelter.

However, if they were not being adopted within twelve nights, they will be euthanized. But even if they were being adopted, there is a chance of them having a bad owner. They could end up being sold as products or even made as food. Of course, some people support euthanasia. They think that stray animals will not only harm humans, but also bring a lot of diseases. Instead of letting them wandering on the streets, euthanasia would be a better choice. However, people who disagree with euthanasia, they think we can't take away animals' life as human wanted to. The action is very selfish, and this action is very crucial.

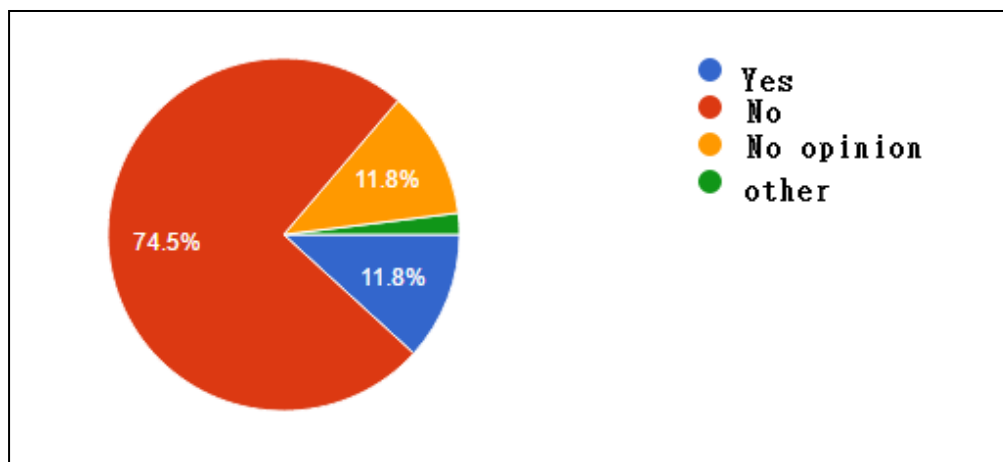


Figure.2 Do you approve of euthanasia?

III.3. Do you think animals can be regarded as goods?

Based on the Figure 3, we found that 29.4% of the participants say “agree” on the question “Do you think animals can be regarded as goods?” While there were 54.9% of the participants say “no” on this question. Before the documentary being released, there were not too many people care about animal rights, but now, more people are aware of this issue. This was the purpose of making this documentary; the producer wants people to realize the importance of animal rights. In the Taiwanese society, there are people who support and believe euthanasia is the solution for the problems of stray animals, but there are also many people who disagree with this solution.

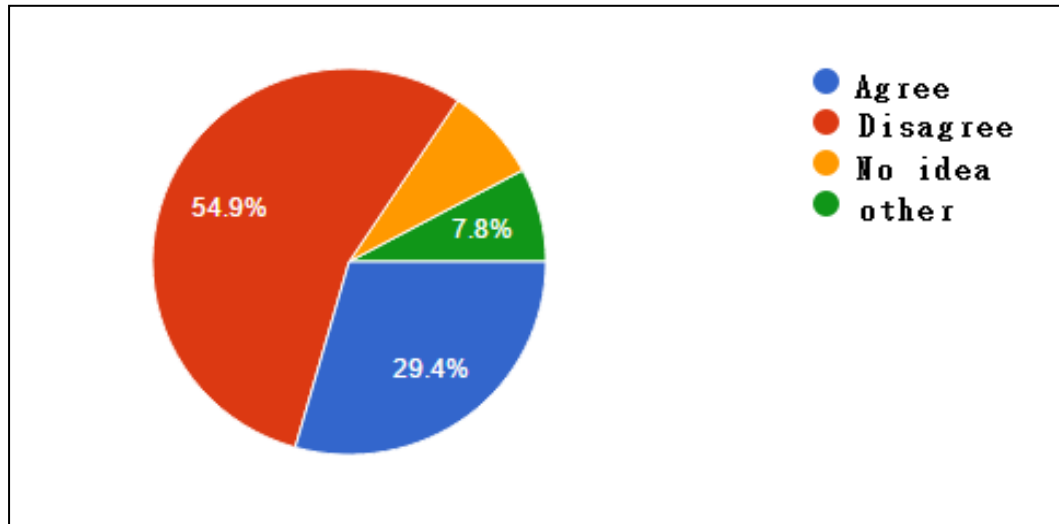


Figure.3 Do you think animals can be regarded as goods?

IV. Conclusion

People who disagreed with euthanasia insist that it is not right to take away animal's life. They deserve to live a full life, just like us. Human beings are not giving the right to take away animals life. We believe that one day we will understand and enforce the idea of animal rights. It does not require any deliberate action, on the other hand, as long as we have good intentions. We have to make sure that we spend more time with our pets, and we believe they know when someone really cares about them. Although they can't communicate verbally with their owner, they will use their body language to let us know how happy they are. For humans, we have a lot in our lives, but not for the animals. They only have us.

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Appendix

Questionnaire

We are working on a research about the topic of anti-euthanasia. Based on the discussions of the documentary *Twelve Nights*, we need some authentic data to understand everyone's opinion, so we design this questionnaire. Your personal information will be kept in privacy. Please take your time to complete this survey. The valuable opinions you provide will be great help to our study. Thank you for your cooperation.

I. Personal Information

1. Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

2. Age:

☐ Junior high school student

☐ Senior high school student

☐ College student

II. Questions

1. Do dogs have their own animal rights?

☐ Yes, they do.

☐ No, they don't.

☐ I don't know.

2. Do you approve of euthanasia?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion

3. Do you think animals can be regarded as goods?

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No idea