

The awful truth about live animal exports

Myth: Animals are well cared for on board livestock vessels.

Fact: Despite the efforts of the live export industry, deaths on board live sheep vessels increased in 2005. The majority of sheep die because they fail to eat during the journey or succumb to salmonella. Identifying sick and dying animals on board is nearly impossible due to stocking density. Every year millions of animals aboard livestock vessels are subjected to stressful handling, social dislocation, and face unacceptable risks and delays due to severe weather, extreme temperatures and trade disputes.



◀ Livestock vessel, Al Kuwait, 2003, dead sheep on deck.
Photo provided by Animals Australia.

Did you know? In 2005, 35,534 sheep and 769 cattle died on board livestock vessels at a much higher rate than if the same healthy animals were living on a farm.

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