

# The awful truth about live animal exports

**Myth:** The live animal export trade is NOT cruel and the industry condemns any cruelty.

**Fact:** Australian animals are exported to countries that have no animal welfare legislation, and are subjected to handling and slaughter practices that are both unacceptable and illegal in Australia. Extensive investigations in the Middle East exposed extreme cruelty towards exported animals. Documented evidence shows dead and dying animals in feedlots, animals being dragged and tied up by their legs, sheep transported in boots of cars, animals slashed with knives to disable them and slaughtered whilst fully conscious.



Nizra slaughterhouse, Middle East, 2006. Australian sheep dragged and slaughtered.  
Photo provided by Animals Australia.

**Did you know?** In Australia, 67% of export abattoirs have a Halal program whereby ritual slaughter is done in accordance with the relevant legislative basis and guidelines.

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**Live Animal Exports – Cruel and Unnecessary**

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