

Sheep
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What animal is the most troubled? Is it the intelligent pig that knows it's going to be slaughtered, the chicken who keeps getting accused of cowardice or is it the ant who feels totally insignificant, lacks individuality and who just wants to let loose and wear 80s glam metal clothing? (At least just the one time). Actually, it's the sheep. Do you think they have ideal lives eating their 'preferred' meals all day whilst in the company of their friends? Nope, they find the monotony extremely depressing and don't even know how to communicate let alone relate to the animals around them. (Have you ever seen anything that resembles conversation between the beings?) That's why they're all alcoholics. 'I'm sorry?' Well, why do you think they demand beer all the time? 'What??' They keep going 'baaaaa', right? What they're actually TRYING to say is 'beeeeer!' Yep, they've been saying that for hundreds of years, but no one knows what they mean (apart from the select few). Imagine how frustrating that is for them.

Of course I'm not suggesting sheep should be given all the alcohol they want, no one wants the things to get aggressive, but how about the odd pint every now and then? If they got both speech therapy and the drinks they desire, maybe they would feel the need to talk about other things such as what's on their mind or even something a little deeper. What it means to be a sheep, for example. Whilst that may sound fascinating, one must be prepared to hear negative answers if the animals are depressed. Imagine how upsetting it would be if sheep think the meaning of life is simply to be served in curries. If they did say that, some kind of therapy may be in order, but who gets priority? Troubled human self-harmers or repressed, abused and murdered balls of fluff? I'm no philosopher, but it kind of sounds like the latter are worse off, to me. Imagine sheep getting favoured over mankind in the society we're currently living in, though.

So personalised psychiatric aid and alcohol BINGES are out of the question. What about things that are far cheaper for them? How about easy listening music played on farms, (hell, maybe sheep are even into death metal - who knows right?), Shaun The Sheep played on large screen TVs (that's an idea that can be appreciated by the whole family) and as a special treat every now and then, how about various herbs and spices on the grass? If variety is the spice of life, is spice the variety of life, and therefore can it take the place of expensive outings and such? That's just a theory I'm working on, I wouldn't give it too much attention. Yet. Ok, in the last few paragraphs I have discussed bovine problems and solutions, but I am only one man with little power. If you think sheep should be rewarded for their contributions to society, how about writing to parliament, setting up a petition or taking part in sponsored fun runs? That's all from me, bye! (Or to be respectful to our tasty friends, 'baaaaa!')