

Eating with Awareness and Compassion rather than Unconscious Conditioning

10 Point Checklist

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**“Compassion and justice are core human values
and becoming aware of carnism allows us to regain
our freedom of choice.”**

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10 STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TODAY

**Want to take charge of your health, wellness, and success?
Here are 10 steps that can move you closer to your goals – today.**

- Understand that I was born in a system (carnism) that conditions me to eat certain animals and that it is internalized, but it doesn't have to be.
- Realize how carnism has a profound impact on the way I think and feel about animals, and things like abstraction or some animals lacking individuality may not be accurate.
- Understand that what I eat is a choice.
- Reduce my participation in carnism by eating less animal products. Humane products are a PR stunt. Eating and using less animal products will help reduce cruelty.
- Feel my natural connection and empathy to animals that is hardwired into all humans and recognize their individuality.
- Eat a whole foods, plant-based diet to provide my body with optimum health and to reduce cruelty to animals, humans, and the environment.
- Support vegan causes, even if I am not vegan, by contributing money or using my influence to share exposure and valuable information.
- Be a 'vegan ally' - positively support the cause and avoid making meat eaters feeling ashamed, helpless, or attached. The more people who support, the better world I live in.
- Practice integrity in my own life through reduced meat consumption as I spread the word about carnism and veganism.
- Educate myself and those around me by watching Forks Over Knives, Cowspiracy, Dr. Melanie Joy's Ted Talk, or reading the Beyond Carnism blog.