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Presentation by Wayne Pacelle

I was interviewing a guy named Wayne Pacelle. Pacelle is a handsome guy with his hair on fleek. His white shirt really stands out with his dark blue and slightly striped coat. It looks like he had recently got a haircut. He starts introducing his company to the audience. It is called *The Humane Society Of The United States*. He then talks about the book he wrote called *The Bond*.

“All of us here, at some level, have a connection to other creatures”, he states, “Two thirds of American households have dogs and cats, 171 million dogs and cats; ... so more pets than people in American households. Another 80 million of us are active wildlife watchers.” He then goes on to say that there are 20,000 animal welfare groups in the country. Each group focuses on 1 or more different species of animals. He then goes on about how humans staging fights between animals is very wrong and is also a felony. When he said this I remembered about how animal staged fights were common in the past and are still are in different country. He says that farm animals are the largest category of animals in use, in our society. “Ten billion animals raised for food in the United States every year, more animals go through slaughterhouse lines every year in the United States than there are people on the planet.” Pacelle then cracks a joke which makes me laugh hysterically. “We help homeless rabbits and rabbits with a lack of food, we call it hope for the hopeless.” Then he states that 95% of people believe that farm animals should be well-cared for. He then

states that people need to understand a basic framework when we're talking about animals, that they think, that they feel, that they make choices, that they want to live just as much as we want to live, that they want to avoid pain and suffering just as much as each one of us does. He then concludes this section by saying that it's all up to us, because we are at the top of the food chain, animals can't really do anything. "We have all the power, we are the lords of the animals, we make life and death decisions in our society without even casually thinking about it sometimes."

He then continues to his next section by saying that the little actions that we make have these consequences for these creatures. What we think and believe, and how we act in this world is really different. "280 million laying hens in the United States and 95% of them are in these barren battery cages." He just pulled of a picture of hens inside of cages in his slideshow. "Six to eight birds jammed into each cage, each bird according the industry standard has 67 square inches of space, that's two thirds of a piece of blank paper." He then goes on about how pigs in industrial facilities don't even have space to move at all. Only time they get out is when they get pregnant, but they are then moved to a similar cage. "The animals are no longer animals, they are turned into milk, egg, and meat producing machines.", he states with a really worried and disappointed face. He says that animals should be free but within fences, when it's time for them to be slaughtered they shouldn't be thinking about their life being a misery. He then goes through the science behind how the cage system is the worst and the organic production (or the free range production) is one of the best choices that we have. Proposition 2 in California was supposed to keep

egg laying hens out of cages, which got more votes than any citizen initiative in U.S. history. He ends his presentation by saying that we have to be mindful of all these creatures. At the end I didn't realize it for awhile but I was clapping. It was such a motivational and touching presentation that it might have changed thousands of people's lives. I was flattered by the numbers and all the facts. It was AWESOME!!!