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We don't look like rats, elephants, chickens, fish, or ants because we're a different species. But we're all animals, and we're all the same in the ways that really matter: We're all able to experience love, sadness, pain, and joy. We all have our own interests, desires, needs, and complex lives. We all have a will to live. These traits are found in all species. Treating someone differently based on their species is speciesist. And it's the same way of thinking that makes people prejudiced against others based on their skin color, sexual orientation, or gender. None of it is OK.

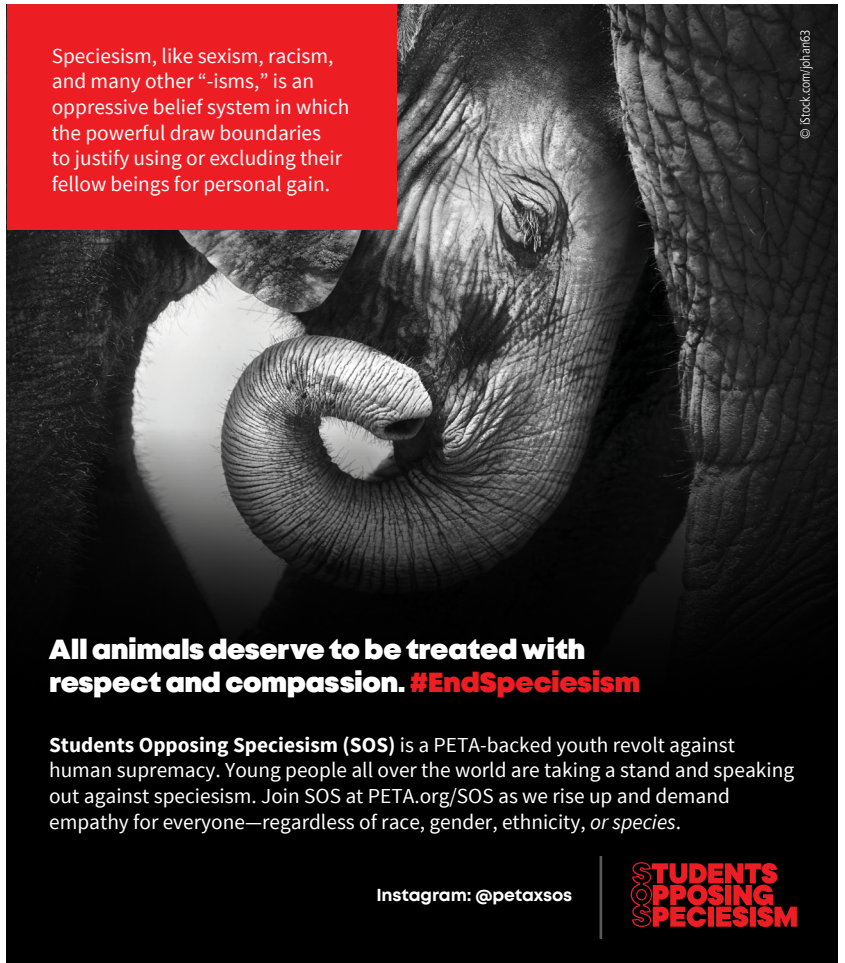


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