

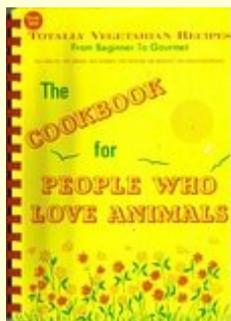
Vegetarian
In
Progress

*This Month's
SPECIALS*

Product:

[BBQ Porkless Pocket Meal](#)

Book:



*The quickest way to connect
who we eat with who we
love is to love an animal.
"Until one has loved an ani-
mal, part of their soul
remains unawakened"
-Anatole France*

Compassionate Carnivores

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Is Bacon Worth This Misery?

In a pig's natural habitat, before she gives birth, the mother pig builds a large nest to protect her young, she is very careful about both the quality of the nest and its location, in some instances she may walk for three to six miles to find a suitable place to construct her nest, taking as long as six hours to do so. Here in this carefully selected secluded place she will give birth to her piglets and protect them after they are born for about two weeks, after which time the new family leave the nest and return to the rest of the herd, over the following twelve weeks the piglets are gradually weaned and begin to eat solid food.

Factory farms use a farrowing crate, where pigs are kept to nurse their young. It's a metal frame which severely restricts her movements and in which she is completely unable to turn around, can scarcely take a step forward or backward and frequently rubs against the bars when standing up and lying down. Beside her cage is a area for her piglets. The piglets are free to reach the sow's teats to suckle but she is prevented from moving close to them and cleaning them by the bars of the cage.

Her piglets will be taken away when they are 3 - 4 weeks old and she will never see them again. She will normally be re-impregnated a week later and the whole sorry cycle begins again. She will be returned to the farrowing crate a week before giving birth.

A sows pregnancy lasts around four months, this means they are forced into the farrowing crate for 28-35 days every five months until, usually at around five years old, they are no longer commercially productive and are sent for slaughter.

Her babies will be slaughtered at 6 months of age or sometimes younger. Pigs can naturally live for 15 years.

The industry will tell you that the farrowing crate prevents the mother from crushing her babies but studies have shown that this is not true. Piglets are frequently crushed in farrowing crates.

From [CCTV for ALL Slaughterhouses](#)

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