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1. Whereas One Health paves the way for recognizing interdependence across species boundaries, it too often serves to broaden the scope only incrementally.
2. Philosophical engagement with One Health is insufficiently attuned to non-Western philosophical traditions, which is especially problematic given the plea for cross-disciplinary collaboration.
3. Well-being is about collectives supporting individuals to actively shape and endorse their own way of life.
4. Even if great apes lack autonomy, it is morally unacceptable to deny them their freedom.
5. Moral rights materialize as robust protection of significant interests, out of compassion, cutting across the various boundaries that separate humans from their fellow sentient beings.
6. Future generations will disavow the many ways in which modern humans treat non-human animals to date. However, based on insights drawn from moral psychology and metaphysics, they might very well refrain from either voicing harsh judgments or implying blame.
7. Staggering global inequalities and the ecological crisis challenge many core beliefs we hold dear, including the notion of progress and political neutrality regarding the good life.
8. A strict opposition between individual and collective is both conceptually and morally problematic.
9. Nature does not exist.
10. Practical philosophers need to ecologize.
11. While philosophical reasoning can bolster moral perception, we need to be particularly wary of its ability to lead us astray.
12. When it comes to shoes, it is foolish to follow the harlequin instead of the clown.