

## Reading Guide #14

Cohen, "The Case for the Use of Animals in Biomedical research"\*

Regan, "The Case for Animal Rights"\*

1. According to Cohen, rights are only held by members of a moral community. Explain this position. What qualifies someone to be a member of a moral community?

2. Explain the objection to Cohen's position based on the "brain-damaged, the comatose and the senile". How does Cohen respond to this objection?

**3. What is speciesism according to Cohen? What is Cohen's response to the speciesism objection?**

**4. What is contractarianism, for Regan, and why does even its most sophisticated expressions fail?**

5. How does a utilitarian view differ from Regan's view, the inherent value view? According to Regan, what feature or features of a creature makes it an appropriate candidate for having inherent value?