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TOOLS

Various tools used in the animal industry. They serve to make the animals fit to the conditions of a non-natural life for human benefit.

The tools were, on one hand, borrowed from animal protection organizations, and on the other hand, ordered online from an agricultural supply store and returned “because of dislike” after being photographed.

Accordingly, part of the displayed tools are now being used by NGOs to raise awareness about animal suffering and to end it, while others, in turn, have been returned to their original purpose in the animal industry and are currently causing direct harm to animals – both of these scenarios take place simultaneously right in the moment of their visual examination within this photo series.

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Anti-suckling collar

The collar is attached to the head of the calves with the teeth pointing outwards. Other animals then avoid or fend off these calves preventing them from suckling.

Newborn calves are separated from their mothers early on so that the milk can be sold to dairies. Since the calves cannot drink from their mother's udders, they search for milk elsewhere - even from other calves.





Tattoo hammer with ink



Castration scalpel



Electric prod

Stun baton

Sick and injured animals that do not survive the conditions of factory farming, should first be stunned and then killed. The baton is used for this emergency killing of pigs (less than 5 kg body weight) and is used to stun the animals by striking them on the head.

Disregarding this requirement, however, it is common practice to strike the piglets to death against the floor or pen walls.





Various anti-suckling nose rings



Burdizzo castrator

Captive bolt gun (Calibre 9 mm)

This device is used to stun animals before they are slaughtered. The bolt is shot into the skull of the animal.

Failure to apply the apparatus to the correct spot on the head produces a paralysation with full consciousness. Every year, well over 300,000 cattle and up to 7.5 million pigs are mis-anaesthetised - the number of unreported cases is expected to be much higher.



Untitled

To be born into the food industry means death for animals. Most of them will be killed in slaughterhouses; yet, many won't survive up until then and already die inside the breeding and fattening facilities. In the case of broiler chickens, around 45 million perish or are killed annually in Germany before they reach slaughter. The dead animals are collected in container shelters for pickup by animal corpse disposal companies.

In the context of the animal industry as a "Black Box," these shelters, at first glance, appear to be yet another inaccessible place. However, structurally, they are often located right on the boundaries of animal facilities, potentially visible to the public. Quite involuntarily, thus, an everyday part of the industry becomes its own sore point, holding content also entirely unsuitable for its marketing campaigns. The gates regularly open; lifeless, bloody bodies change spaces. For a moment, the "Black Box" is revealed before the doors are closed again. Even after their death, the animals remain hidden and locked away.

**Inspired by the book "War Porn" by Christoph Bangert and his thoughts on self-censorship, some of the particularly graphic images in the series are displayed in a smaller format, thus blunting their impact and leaving closer inspection to the viewer's own decision.*

/ New, unpublished work.



















HABITAT

habitat [hab-i-tat]

A species' habitat is those places where it can find food, shelter, protection and mates for reproduction.

98% of the meat consumed in Germany comes from industrial factory farming. Even though we rarely see the places where animals are turned into products, the majority of consumed meat, eggs, and dairy products are produced there.

The series 'Habitat' consists of exterior photographs as well as of a selection of online captured satellite images of the facilities.

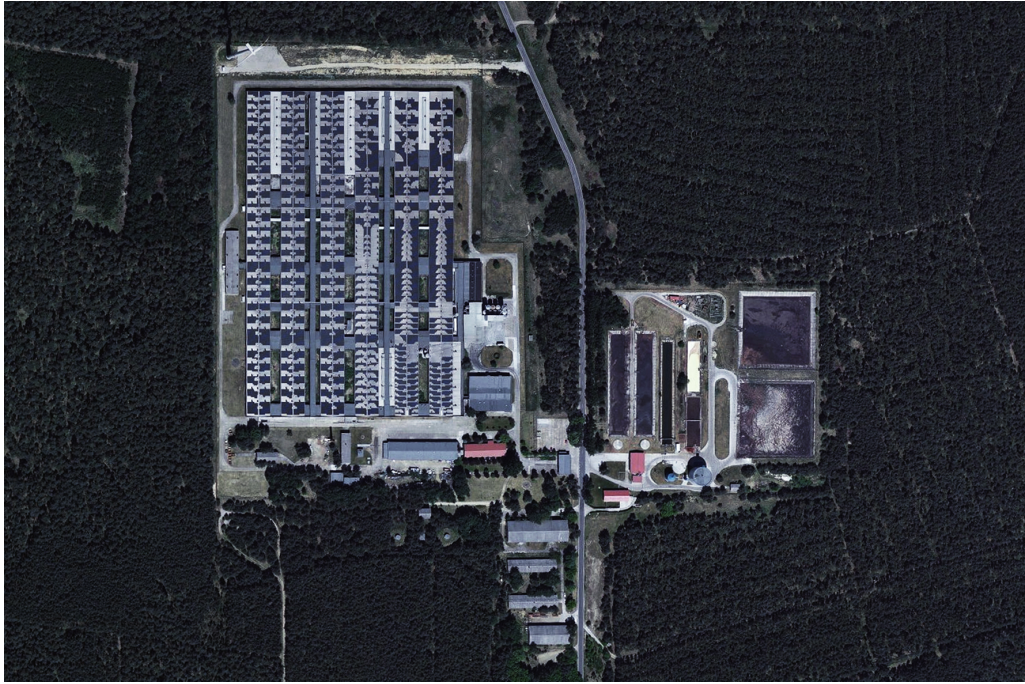
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Pig fattening/breeding (65.000 pigs)



Duck breeding (45.000 ducks)







Chicken fattening (1.025.000 million chickens)

THE LIVES OF OTHERS

They are not easy to find. Far outside our cities, pigs are kept in industrial breeding and fattening facilities. A closed parallel world. Pictures; to make them visible.















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