

# THE PARTY FOR THE ANIMALS



IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY  
AS WELL

# NATURALLY.

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# A LIVEABLE EARTH

Climate, biodiversity and energy



We live on a magnificent planet. An Earth that offers everything that makes life beautiful: for people and animals alike. But thanks to humans, Earth is warming up more quickly than anticipated. It now looks like we have even overshoot a 1,5-degree warming. In other words, man is rapidly making this beautiful planet unliveable. By emitting greenhouse gasses. By destroying nature. By using poison. Do we want to keep our Earth liveable? Then action is required now. Together, we can still tackle climate and nature problems. In a fair way that truly works. That is why the Party for the Animals makes a choice for what's most important and most vulnerable: animals, nature, the environment and people. In your neighbourhood as well. Naturally.

### **1.1 A better world starts in your municipality**

The best place to improve the world? Close to home, in your own municipality. Your municipality can and must do and implement a lot by itself. But it also needs the support of the national government to do so. That is why every municipality demands that the national government tackles climate and nature problems. Combats environmental pollution. And ensures that the number of different animal and plant species (biodiversity) in the Netherlands increases again. Because your municipality really needs that support of the national government to tackle problems at the local level.

### **1.2 Solving climate and nature problems fairly**

The Party for the Animals wants to put focus on what is most important and most vulnerable: animals, nature, the environment and people. Because only then can we implement changes that are truly necessary. And truly tackle the problems. The main step in stopping the climate and nature crises? Do less damage to nature and the environment. By reducing traffic and agricultural emissions, for instance. And by punishing polluters. This also means that solutions are interlinked: climate plans in combination with measures to restore nature and biodiversity. So that in the end, we can enjoy more nature.

A more comfortable and cleaner living environment. With less toxic emissions. Together, we choose a green and fair future for everyone.

### **1.3 Affordable clean energy for everyone**

Energy is a basic need. Which is why clean energy needs to be affordable for all. When making your own home more sustainable, for instance. The Party for the Animals wants the largest polluters – like big companies – to pay the most in the transition towards a climate neutral society. Low-income households, on the other hand, will get support. And do you and your neighbours want to generate more sustainable energy? Then your municipality will help as well.

### **1.4 Saving: using less energy is paramount**

It really is very simple: we don't need to generate energy we don't use. That is why it is paramount that your municipality saves on energy. And why the Party for the Animal really wants us to choose not to do something or do less of it (besides good sustainable projects, the better insulation of homes, heat pumps and solar panels).

### **1.5 Generating sustainable energy**

We generate energy sustainably. Close to home, and as much as possible together. With respect for people, animals and nature. And only if there is enough space, and it is a nuisance to no-one. Where possible, the Party for the Animals wants to generate energy from sun and wind. In other words, fossil free (without oil, coal or natural gas). Sustainability and safety are key.

### **1.6 Setting the right example will encourage others**

Your municipality sets the right example. Which means they are at the forefront of sustainable projects and ideas. Thereby encouraging residents and businesses to do the same.

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# ANIMALS SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE THE WAY THEY WANT

Animal rights and animal welfare



There are more animals than people in your municipality. Like people, they have consciousness and feeling. And yet, animals get far too little attention in the municipality's plans. That is why the Party for the Animals wants to provide animals in your municipality with a comfortable place that suits them. And to better protect them with laws and animal rights, so they can live the way they want. In a place where they can behave in a natural way. We must treat the lives of animals with care.

### **2.1 Attention to animals in municipal plans**

When a municipality makes plans, animals are often forgotten. People mainly think of themselves and their own interests when making plans. Even though those plans can have a significant impact on animal welfare. Your municipality must therefore pay much more attention to animals when making new plans. And set an example for other municipalities in its care for animals.

### **2.2 Animals want to live comfortably as well**

In other words, your municipality is also responsible for the protection of all animals within its borders. Like pets, agricultural animals and animals who live in freedom. People want to live in safety; animals do as well.

### **2.3 End the livestock industry**

The Party for the Animals wants an end to the livestock industry. Each year, billions of animals are bred, used and killed for meat, dairy and eggs. This must stop. Because every animal must be able to live according to its needs, and pain-free. Moreover, the livestock industry is bad for nature and the environment. The national government and the provinces must therefore come up with measures quickly. But your municipality can act, too. Because where the livestock industry ends, space is created for nature, living and plant-based agriculture.

### **2.4 Respect and care for animals in the wild**

There are not only people in your municipality, but animals who live in freedom (in the wild) as well. And yet, the area these wild animals inhabit is getting increasingly smaller. They are hunted. Or chased away. Hunters and anglers disrupt their habitat and cause animal suffering. The Party for the Animals wants animals in the wild to be left in peace.

### **2.5 Caring for pets**

Almost half of all families have at least one pet. Often, these animals are given much attention, care and love. But not always. Because people know too little about their pet's natural behaviour. Or they run into financial hardship and can no longer take care of their pet. The Party for the Animals wants your municipality to make solid plans and agreements for keeping pets.

### **2.6 No entertainment at the expense of animals**

The Party of the Animals wants to end the use and killing of animals for entertainment. Animals should not be used for shows or circuses. Or for traditions and festivals with animals. Or in fashion.

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# **CHOOSE GREEN**

**Nature and biodiversity**



Nature is of crucial importance. But there is increasingly less space for animals, trees and plants in your municipality. Despite the fact that a green environment keeps your municipality liveable. Because nature (greenery) retains water. It provides cooling and purifies the air. And nature provides a home for many species of plants and animals (biodiversity). In short: your municipality needs a lot more greenery. With less livestock industry, for example. And less build-up of housing and roads. A green municipality is healthier, happier and more prepared for the future.

### **3.1 Protect and enjoy our nature**

In short, the Party for the Animals wants more space for nature. For more different species of plants and animals. This is the basis of our existence on Earth. But it is a fragile basis that must be better protected. Because we cannot do without nature. Your municipality can therefore take measures to better protect our nature.

### **3.2 Green makes for happier people**

We love green! More greenery makes people happier and less sick. That is why every municipality must have more green spaces. This means cutting down less trees. And adding even more green everywhere: trees, wild plants and flowers, shrubs and grass.

### **3.3 A municipality without toxins**

Agricultural toxins kill a lot of insects. The number of flying insects in the Netherlands has been in decline for decades. The number of diurnal butterflies, for example, has halved compared to 30 years ago. That is why we must not use toxins. Only then do insects get a chance to survive. No toxins also mean a healthier soil. And better-quality water. Which is healthier for people, animals and nature.

### **3.4 Biodiversity through careful management**

Every municipality has a lot of influence on local nature and biodiversity. Through the management and upkeep of its green spaces, for instance. We have to take into account soil life, water quality, the animals, climate change and the environment. When caring for green spaces in every municipality as well. The form of management we choose should not depend on financial considerations.

### **3.5 Water gives life**

The basis of our existence is water: water gives life. Every municipality has to take care of their sewage system, for instance. And of the drainage of rain, waste, and groundwater. It happens more and more that a lot of rain falls in a short period of time. Or there is a long drought. Then it is extra important to take care of water drainage. Water companies are struggling more and more to purify our drinking water adequately. Surface water contains agricultural toxins, fertilisers and more and more medicine residues. That is why clean drinking water is becoming increasingly expensive. Whilst the polluters continue at leisure. This must change: the polluter pays!

### **3.6 Green in the neighbourhood**

Not only does more green make people happier and healthier, it also strengthens their connection to their area. And can you see a lot of bees, bumblebees, worms, moles and butterflies where you live? That's a sign that your environment is healthy and sustainable. In other words: the more green in a neighbourhood, the better.

### **3.7 Build green neighbourhoods, but not in nature**

When new homes are built, your municipality adds new greenery. In new streets, neighbourhoods and near new buildings, for instance. The municipality also takes into account the green spaces that already exists. This is called building nature inclusive and nature positive. It's how we strengthen and renew nature. Not only in existing nature reserves, but everywhere: from urban areas to the countryside.

### **3.8 We green together**

The municipality takes the lead in improving the quality of nature. And in ensuring a greater biodiversity and a healthier living environment. Naturally, your municipality does this together with all its residents.

### **3.9 A future-proof and green rural area**

The area just outside cities and villages (the countryside) has to become greener as well. Your municipality has to design, for instance, agricultural areas in a nature- and animal-friendly way. Together with the national government, the province and the water authority. The Party for the Animals wants a strong nature and organic plant-based agriculture in rural areas. The quality of nature, the soil and water are paramount. Together with the national government and the province we help farmers transition to sustainable agriculture.

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## AN HONEST ECONOMY

Economy, work, income and livelihood



At the moment, the economy is mainly focussed on making more money and on growth. Even though economic growth is the problem, not the solution. It harms nature and the environment. And it does not make people happier. The Party for the Animals puts the wellbeing of people, animals and the planet first. A sustainable and clean economy is therefore much better. A local economy, that takes your habitat into account. Where raw materials are reused. And with less things and less waste. A fair economy in which we take each other into account. Share more. An economy that benefits us all.

#### **4.1 An economy for all**

The current economy is unfair and unequal. Income inequality is increasing. The Earth is getting more and more depleted. And there is a lot of animal suffering. This must and can be different. The Party for the Animals is committed to a sustainable economy. An economy that benefits all. With plenty for all. An economy that fits within Earth's boundaries. Because our wellbeing, and not 'making as much money as possible' needs to come first.

#### **4.2 An end to pollution**

There is no space for polluting companies in your municipality. After all, these companies are a danger to the quality of water, soil and air. They harm the climate a great deal. We can build homes where there are currently polluting companies. Or create new nature. And give animals space.

#### **4.3 Do not waste raw materials**

We reuse raw materials and throw nothing away (recycling). This is important and better for the environment and for nature. Because raw materials are dwindling. And extracting them is harmful to the environment and people. We also repair things that are broken. Which means we are able to buy less things ('consuminderen' - consuming less). And we will also need less new raw materials. Which is better for the environment and our habitat as well.

#### **4.4 Waste does not exist**

Often, people throw away things that are still usable. Your municipality therefore tries to work towards less general waste of its residents. By separating and reducing waste, and by processing it better.

#### **4.5 Advertising**

The municipality makes money with advertising in public spaces. But there is already too much advertising around us. Almost always with the aim of making people buy (even) more (consuming). Which is harmful to humans and nature. Your municipality therefore ensures as few commercial advertisements as possible.

#### **4.6 Festivals, events and tourism**

Enjoying a holiday or festival is fun. But people do need to take into account their surroundings: neighbours, animals, nature and the climate. Festivals, for instance, often produce loud sounds, a lot of light and dirty emissions. And it can potentially be harmful to the soil because of the combined pressure of many people and heavy trucks during the build and dismantling of an event.

#### **4.7 Strengthening the local economy**

Your municipality wants a strong local and regional economy. Which means buying locally from small businesses in the region. So that people have a better understanding of the origins of their food and other things they buy. And how they were made exactly. The Party for the Animals also wants a reduction in transport emissions. And for more revenue to end up with the producer (makers) instead of big intermediaries.

#### **4.8 Corporate social responsibility**

Making things (production processes) often causes a lot of damage. To nature and humans alike. Through CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, for example. Or the use of many raw materials. By violating human rights and abusing people. This must end. From now on, corporate social responsibility is the norm. Your municipality becomes (or remains) a Fairtrade and Global Goals municipality. One without poverty, with more equality, good education and a sustainable economy.

#### **4.9 No poverty in your municipality**

Every human being has a right to a secure existence: with food, a house, medical care and education. We must protect people against poverty. And ensure a greater social cohesion. Currently, however, a lot of people still live in poverty. Your municipality can and must do more to combat this.

#### **4.10 Work in good and green jobs**

The municipality must ensure suitable work for everyone who wants it. And for comfortable workplaces and clear information about employee rights.

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# SUSTAINABLE LIVING FOR ALL

Living and building



**Affordable housing in a green environment: it is a basic right for all. But finding a nice house in a nice area is impossible for a lot of people. The waitlists for social housing are long. And other homes (in the private sector) are unaffordable or bought up by landlords. Filling up your municipality with new buildings is not a solution. That would only create an unliveable place. The Party for the Animals wants to tackle the housing shortage the sustainable way. And divide available space and houses fairly, sustainably and in an affordable way. Less livestock farming, for instance, means much more space for nature and housing.**

### **5.1 A suitable home for all**

Homes are for living in. Not to make money from. The Party for the Animals wants students to live in affordable rooms. For first timers on the housing market to find a suitable property to rent or buy. And for elderly people to transition to accessible senior homes. In short: a suitable home for all.

### **5.2 Making choices that fit the environment**

We will build more homes if needs be. But only if this fits the environment. Building cannot be at the expense of green space. Or the liveability of the surroundings. There will also be extra greenery in urban areas with a lot of houses. So that neighbourhoods remain liveable for humans and nature.

### **5.3 Building in a climate positive and nature inclusive way**

We make existing houses more sustainable. And the living environment a lot greener. This is necessary to achieve climate goals and to combat the consequences of climate change. Like heatwaves and torrential rain. Over the past few years this has been given too little attention. Outside we see increasingly more concrete and tiles. Trees are felled. And many roofs are still not green. The Party for the Animals therefore really wants to focus on sustainable and circular homes, now.

### **5.4 Inclusive and accessible living**

There are more and more vulnerable people in the Netherlands. In your municipality as well. Because of aging, for instance, but also due to cuts to mental health services. These people often have different housing needs. Like homes that are wheelchair accessible. Or low-stimulation homes (for people who are more easily overstimulated, for instance). Every municipality must therefore have a diverse housing portfolio.

### **5.5 The homeless**

It should not be deemed normal that people are involuntarily living without a home in a wealthy country like the Netherlands. And yet, the number of homeless people is increasing. Starting now, your municipality therefore ensures enough free shelter. From whatever municipality people are from. Your municipality will give extra attention to labour migrants and families with children. Privacy, safety and being able to bring any pets are paramount in shelters.

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# INCLUSIVE, JUST AND CONNECTED

Everyone is important



In a just (fair) and liveable municipality, everyone is equal. And yet this is not the case for all municipalities in the Netherlands. Including yours. Because your future is still determined by your background. Whether you have a disability. What you believe in (or not). What your gender is and who you love. Or what family you are from. People from poorer families and areas, for example, live less long. And some people are treated unequally: because of their gender, orientation or origin. But racism, discrimination and exclusion cannot exist in your municipality. In your municipality, we help people who are struggling. We divide everything equally and treat each other the same. Your municipality must ensure a society in which we are all equal. Because everyone is important!

### **6.1 Everyone is equal**

Your municipality treats everyone equally. And actively combats racism and discrimination. Both visible and invisible. Which sometimes means being honest about mistakes from the past. And yet, discrimination still happens, also by the government. This must end. The Party for the Animals wants the government to prevent and combat discrimination. With clear rules and equal rights. Because it should not matter where you are from. Or the surname you have. The colour of your skin. Or the religion you believe in. We must treat everyone fairly and equally.

### **6.2 Refugees are welcome**

The Party for the Animals wants proper shelter for refugees. Your municipality therefore ensures a safe place for people who flee to the Netherlands. Because of a war, for instance. Or due to a climate or nature crisis (which are only becoming worse). Each municipality treats refugees fairly and humanely. Refugees must be able to fully participate in society.

### **6.3 Full participation for all**

In an inclusive society, all inhabitants participate. Regardless of your background, disability, illness, neurodivergence, financial situation or age. With at the core: 'Do not decide for us, but with us'.

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# GETTING AROUND, THE GREEN WAY

Transport and better accessibility



Your municipality is more beautiful, cleaner and healthier without cars. Your municipality therefore ensures roads where space is divided equally. Where liveability, safety and meeting others are paramount. People and animals come first, not cars. Idling and moving cars take up a lot of space and emit harmful fumes. Where cars are moving now, people can cycle and walk instead. And where they are parked at the moment, nature can flourish and children play.

### **7.1 Space for pedestrians and cyclists**

Your municipality ensures less polluting traffic. Clean traffic becomes the norm. Meaning pedestrians and cyclists get much more space. Which is better for the climate and environment as well. And it makes every municipality more attractive, safer and greener to live in.

### **7.2 Good and sustainable public transport**

The government still spends much more money on asphalt for cars than on public transport (bus, train, tram or metro). The Party for the Animals, on the other hand, wants good and sustainable public transport, and more of it. Which will make the Netherlands a lot cleaner and safer. And transport affordable for all.

### **7.3 Less cars, more space**

The number of cars must therefore also be reduced drastically. In your municipality as well. Less cars means more public space. Every municipality therefore opts for other modes of transport. And for a greener environment.

### **7.4 Clean transportation, healthy air**

Clean air is of vital importance. But particulate matter and nitrogen from fossil fuel cars cause pollution. Just like the heavy industry. And ammonia from the livestock industry also spoils the air. Your municipality opts for clean transport, which makes for cleaner air.

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# SAFE AND HEALTHY IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY

Health, care and safety



Everyone wants a healthy and comfortable life. In a safe living environment. Do you live in a place where you feel at ease? Then you often live healthier and are sick less often. Because you are outside more, exercise a lot and eat healthy. Preventing illness is important to the Party of the Animals. Just like the prevention of crime. Your municipality therefore actively combats crime, racism and discrimination. Prevention is always better than cure.

### **8.1 Healthy starts with clean**

A clean living environment is important for everyone's health. Polluted air or noise pollution are bad for your health. That is why your municipality must ensure a clean environment. Because a clean environment is a healthy environment.

### **8.2 Mental health and wellbeing**

Health also encompasses mental health. Many people feel the pressure to always perform (performance pressure). Or they feel restless or lonely. We must help each other to become healthier. This starts with a clean environment, with a lot of green space and nature. Because nature lowers stress and lessens negative feelings. We also have to take better care of each other. So that society is safe enough for everyone to be themselves. And receive the right care.

### **8.3 Exercise is healthy**

Your municipality must ensure enough spaces to exercise and play sports outside. For people with a disability as well. This is good for body and soul. A healthy lifestyle prevents ailments and physical complaints. And sports clubs connect residents.

### **8.4 Healthy and sustainable food**

Sustainable food must be more accessible and cheaper. Currently, people are tempted everywhere to eat unhealthily. The Party for the Animals wants more healthy, organic, local and plant-based food.

### **8.5 Tailored care**

More and more people need care and support. This is partly to do with their unhealthy living environment. And unhealthy food. But because of performance pressure and stress as well. And the need for care and support is only growing. Because more and more people are chronically ill. The number of elderly people in our society is growing too, with increasingly fewer healthcare staff. The national government has handed municipalities a lot of responsibility (for care and support). But not enough money.

### **8.6 Care and animals**

Animals are a great support to many people. But an animal needs care and attention from a human as well. And yet there are people who do not take proper care of themselves and animals. Or people who don't receive the right care because pets are not welcome in shelters or care centres. The Party for the Animals wants care for people. But for the animals of those who need care as well.

### **8.7 The risks of using (recreational) drugs**

Drugs and recreational drugs like alcohol or tobacco are harmful to your health and the health of others. They can lead to addiction, and it is bad for the environment. Your municipality provides information about these risks, for instance to young people.

## **8.8 Safety**

Your municipality must be liveable for everyone.

Everyone has to feel safe. There is no place for racism and discrimination in your municipality.

Or for transgressive behaviour or crime.

## **8.9 Protesting is a fundamental right**

There are more and more tensions and arguments between (groups of) people. Which is why the number of protests increases. But the freedom to protest is getting more and more restricted by the government. The Party for the Animals is for the right to protest.

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# LIFE-LONG LEARNING

Education and culture



A good education for all is the basis for a free and smart society. It enables critical thinking in people. And supports the creation of new ideas. But not every child has access to a high-quality education. Which creates inequality. More money for good education is therefore necessary. And for culture and the arts. These should be accessible to all as well. Because art and culture also inspire change and new ideas. Arts and culture practitioners receive a fairer pay.

### **9.1 The right to a good education**

School is not just about learning or getting good grades. Schools must also focus on developing other talents. Like social, emotional and creative skills. And providing more classes about sustainability, food, nature and environment. So that children and young people know more about (preventing) climate crisis, environmental problems and animal welfare, and the role humans play.

### **9.2 Culture and heritage accessible to all**

Everyone must be able to enjoy art and culture. They are indispensable. Because art and culture can amaze or surprise you. Or they might make you think. Or let you look at the world around you in a different way. Creativity and freedom are core values of a healthy society. The Party for the Animals wants the cultural sector to help think about solutions to societal problems.

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# TOGETHER, HONESTLY AND OPENLY

Democracy, government, digitisation and privacy



As a resident you must be able to trust your municipality. Because if your municipality listens to and works with you, you feel at home more quickly. The Party for the Animals therefore wants that every municipality – together with all of its residents – works towards a green and resilient community. Whereby one person's freedom does not come at the expense of another's. Privacy is important to feel at ease, as well. Not everyone needs to know everything about us. But municipalities are dependent on big tech companies. Which makes them vulnerable. Every municipality must trust residents and protect them and their data. Your municipality is actively working towards this and sets the right example. By being honest and transparent about the decisions it makes.

### **10.1 A resilient local democracy**

Your municipality is not a company, and its residents are not customers. Many residents want to have a say about their city, village or neighbourhood. They want to be involved and connected. When making new plans, every municipality listens carefully to all its residents. So that they can have a say. Your municipality takes residents' positive solutions for their living environment seriously. And actively supports projects. Like locally generating and sharing sustainable energy. Or the provision of greenery and care in the neighbourhood.

### **10.2 Open governance**

Open (or transparent) governance means clearly explaining why certain decisions are made. And informing people of the exact reason to do, or not do, something. This ensures more trust in your municipality. In short: no unclear or secret agreements, but clarity for all. Your municipality is actively committed to this.

### **10.3 Privacy, data and digital independence**

Privacy means that not everybody needs to know everything about us. Including the – local – government. Everyone must be able to live a life in freedom. This is important, especially given the technological developments of the past few years. Digital privacy, protecting data and monitoring tech companies and social platforms are more important than ever.

### **10.4 Peace in your municipality, peace in the world**

Conflicts, war and oppression in other parts of the world also have an impact on your municipality. It can, for instance, cause tensions between (groups of) residents. Your municipality actively stands up against injustice. Because doing nothing - in the face of injustice anywhere in the world - is not an option.

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