

**Coalition to Abolish the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA)**  
**Principles of Unity**  
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1. We believe that the AETA unlawfully criminalizes constitutionally-protected activity in the name of corporate profit;
2. We believe that the AETA is one small part of a larger corporate and government agenda to constrain social activism and exploit the public's fear of terrorism;
3. We work in coalition to build a grassroots movement to challenge the AETA and the criminalization of dissent.
4. We strive to act in coordination with one another to mobilize resources and build a national network while reserving the autonomy of member organizations and individual members;
5. We do not impose a single ideological position, practice or approach in doing the Coalition's work; rather, we aim to support differences and diversity of tactics as parts of a shared purpose and strategy;
6. We struggle against racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, speciesism, and other forms of oppression within our coalition work and within ourselves;
7. We encourage individuals and organizations, regardless of their level of membership in the coalition, to take on responsibilities and work by participating in working groups and the general coalition;
8. We strive to empower one another as individuals, organizational representatives and as a coalition through trust, open dialogue, patience, transparency and respect;
9. We work collaboratively and democratically, making decisions in group meetings where participants in the meetings are given the space and respect to air opinions and concerns and strive toward consensus.