FALL INTO FASHION & COMPASSION
designers no one has to die for...but you may just want to!

Our Holiday Gift Guide
With a special holiday gift inside
JUST for YOU!

Our Pretty Miss Clara graces the pages of Harper's Bazaar
Dear Readers,

We didn't want to interrupt your reading once you've started! But we did want to give you a little something for the holidays. It's our way of saying THANK YOU for sticking with us, for sharing our passion, and for helping to create a more compassionate future for animals everywhere.

We hope you find it fun, enlightening and useful. We hope it inspires you as much as you inspire us! Now go click on this giftbox to open yours!

We love you and are SO grateful for you every day.

XoXo,
All of us at Tamerlaine
FALL INTO FASHION!
From the vegan vanguard to the new wave of designers, find your next favorites here.

THE HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE Choose cruelty-free

VEGANIZE YOUR HOLIDAZE
Our favorites for a festive fall table

OH MY!
We are so excited to introduce our newest rescued residents. And we know you'll LOVE them, too.

TEAM TAMERLAINE'S FIRST KID HEROS!
We're honoring AMAZING kid heroes who are changing the world already!

Tamerlaine was the location for a gorgeous 32-page spread on vegan fashion in Harper's Bazaar, Kazakhstan. See last page for photo credits.
Our 2021 Tamerlaine Trailblazer: A Champion for Positive Change kicked off his campaign with his friends, family...and his Famerlaine HELLO, SENATOR BOOKER!

#TEAMTAMERLAINE
We're changing the world with our growing advocacy efforts. Join us!

A KINDER KAPOROS
We're working to stop a barbaric ritual that kills 100,000's of chickens each year--but remains relatively unknown.

WHAT'D YOU MISS?
Check out the highlights reel from Midsummer Night's Gala and Flocktoberfest!

SPOTLIGHT ON:
Alexandria Dutko, Animal Caretaker Extraordinaire!

ASK COOKIE:
• Vegan glam!
• Vegan queens!

Senator Cory Booker and his brother, Cary, give belly rubs to a very happy Pigasso.
Circumfauna: /ˈsɜr kəm ˈfɑnə/

1. (noun) any process or item that bypasses animal input
2. (noun) a term coined by Joshua Katcher
(noun) an initiative of Collective Fashion Justice, an organization with the aim of creating a completely ethical fashion system

An Interview with Joshua Katcher

Joshua Katcher sits across the table from me in Tamerlaine’s 1774 farmhouse. He’s amazingly approachable. Had I known the extent of his accomplishments in the animal welfare and sustainability arenas before we sat down, I would have been very intimidated. It’s obvious immediately that he has a strong sense of purpose, and is practiced in combining reason with passion for maximum effective advocacy.

He’s been vegan since he was a teenager (decorum necessitates I don’t say just how many years that is!). He joined Amnesty International and his school’s environmental club. When they campaigned to save an acre of the rainforest, he was astounded to learn that the Amazon rainforest, the lungs of our planet, are being razed and grazed so someone thousands of miles away can have a fast food burger. That indigenous people are having their lands stolen and used to grow food that won’t feed them. Mind opened, he asked his high school librarian for books about animals—

"...not just your typical kind of nature books, but more like, philosophy and theory." She gave him Peter Singer’s Animal Liberation, and the rest is history.

"I fell in love with fashion not because of the hem of a jacket or the material in a pair of pants. It was what fashion means that I fell in love with."

Back then, Joshua wasn’t interested in fashion. "I thought of it as something frivolous, honestly. An indicator of silliness." He went on to college for environmental science and computer design, and while these come in handy, this wasn’t the direction he thought he’d take. Then he started a blog called The Discerning Brute. He saw it as type of GQ for veganism.

"It had fashion, food, culture—packaged in a way that mainstream men would find appealing. I was really looking at it as a way to talk about veganism as it pertained to masculinity. Back then, veganism fell into the realm of the femme. Which isn’t really a problem, except in a patriarchal culture like ours, the femme becomes unacceptable for mainstream men to talk about or be involved with," Joshua explains. "I didn’t want them to feel that their masculinity was being threatened by thinking about ethics, animals, and related issues."

Outside the picture window behind Joshua, the sun is melting into the meadows. The magic hour is beginning at the Sanctuary.
Josh loves exploring alternate materials for his BGM designs: leather from mycelium, wool from milkweed, fibers from algae. But many of the products he’s most excited about are still in development. I’m enthralled at the possibility of lab-grown silk that’s molecularly identical to spider silk.

"From a design perspective, we can customize the material in terms of color, thickness, and fragrance in ways that nature never could." I mean, how cool does THAT sound?

The environmental and ethical factors are Josh’s driving reasons. And this brings us to the concept of circumfauna, a term he coined to refer to any system that goes around using animals as an input.

Not only is Josh creating circumfaunal fashion, but he’s also working with circumfaunal foods. He and a partner have created a vegan cheese line called Rind. As part of his research, Josh traveled to France to study the methods used to create, in his words, "bloomy, moldy cheese developed in cheese caves."

And it’s been successful! Rind has just upgraded to a much larger space so they can maximize efficiency. Currently, there is a waitlist of retailers eager to stock Rind. But Josh won’t rush the process. "We want to be at the fine cheese counter right next to the dairy cheeses. We know we’re better." Just as he does with Brave GentleMan, Josh is changing the input, rather than people’s minds.

It was while writing his blog that Josh realized the importance of fashion—it’s not a silly indulgence. "Fashion is a powerful form of communication. It’s about identity, supply chains, the fairy tales we tell each other."

As for the future of BGM, Josh hopes that as innovative materials become more readily available, his line will become more accessible and affordable. But he won’t compromise on ethics. "If you could lift the curtain on the $10 t-shirt," he says, impassioned, "the sweatshops, the child labor—people would be appalled and stop buying it."

If only ALL factories had glass walls. Although with Josh shaking up systems as he does, such a wish might not be necessary one day.
Can we just take a good long moment to admire the beauty that is The **House of Saint Vegan**? This summer, on a HOT night in Brooklyn, they held a fashion show—and donated all of the proceeds to Tamerlaine! We LOVE you SAINT VEGAN! ❤❤❤
FALL FASHION LINE UP

Every year, we all fall in love with new styles on billboards, in magazines, in pop-ups online. And often, we WISH we could find a vegan equal! In addition to Brave GentleMan and St. Vegan, we’ve got a brief list of covetable items and new designers for you. Happy shopping!

**Noize Coats**  This gorgeous faux wool coat comes in a variety of rich colors. Noize also has a huge selection of puffy winter coats that are REALLY warm. ALL of their coats are vegan, so don’t walk–run. *Psst!* There’s a sale going on right now, but let’s keep that on the DL, hmmm?

**Shoes 53045**  They’re weird, they’re cool, they’re like walking on one of Saturn’s bubbly rings. Lil Nas X and Lizzo are fans. I’m pretty sure they’re cooler than I’ll ever be, so no harm in letting them set that standard. These shoes? They’re subtle for the brand. Go see the rest.

**Vegan Tiger**  Quickly growing in popularity, this Korean line is well-known for its faux fur in shocking colors and patterns that definitely get you noticed. If you’ve got somewhere to be once the sun sets, check out Vegan Tiger. Even the name is awesome.

**KD New York**  Just in time for cold weather, get your chilly fingers on this soft, luxe vegetable cashmere. You read that right. Whether you’re a yogi looking for cool-down duds, or maybe you’ve just become WAY too used to working from home lately, you need this. Comfy. Chic. Kind cashmere.

**Vegan Outfitters**  Advertised as “no wool woolie things,” the name says it all. When the sun starts setting at 4 PM, we all start craving the bundle. Fun colors and thickly knotted knits for your head, fingers, neck, and tootsies.

**Melie Bianco**  Luxury vegan accessories, like this buttery-soft purse in warm, sunset colors. We’ll take two, please! Of everything.
Just in time for holiday gifts! Our new Tamerlaine merch for kids and adults is here. Read about the amazing international artists who created our designs.

We are so honored to have worked with Pepita on our latest designs. Pepita is an Argentinian illustrator and visual artist living in Brooklyn. Her work has been published in The Washington Post and The New Yorker. She has had two books published by Penguin Random House in Spain and is well known for her visual essays on mental health and intersectional feminism...and for time traveling. Our adorable Circle of Friends and I Heart Animal designs are hers and we love them. You can see more of her work on her Instagram page.

Thanks to Ferdinand, Lil Vinnie’s sweet baby racing stripes are immortalized forever! Ferdinand Ink conquered the corporate world as Art Director for companies like Tommy Bahama and Tommy Hilfiger, and now grows brands such as Scent for Good. As an illustrator, he’s known for his strange and funny artwork with accompanying clever wordplay. A Dutch artist living in NYC, he has most recently been working on a children’s alphabet book. We’ve seen a sneak peak—it’s great! Check out his super smart art on his Instagram page.
HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE
OUR TOP 5 VEGAN GIFTS

We picked our favorite gifts—the ones we want the most, or the ones we've loved the best—in a few different categories. For your consideration...here they are!

1. **SEE THE WORLD!**
   Listen. Why not? We have been so cooped up for so long, I don't know a single person who wouldn't want to look forward to a sun-drenched, luxurious ALL-VEGAN vacation! If you can swing it...check out [Lucia Grillo's vegan luxury tour of Tuscany](#). Food, wine, and well...Tuscany! It's shaping up to be an incredible package. And you'll make SOMEONE's holiday very, very, merry indeed.

2. **Vitamix**
   If your beloved vegan is sans Vitamix, for the love of all that is good and healthy, GET THEM ONE. It doesn't have to be the fanciest or the newest, or the newest, because they are ALL awesome. Bonus perk: you get to reap the rewards in the form of yummy smoothies, sauces, and pulses. Everyone we spoke to either wanted on these, or still considered it one of their favorite gifts.

3. **Click to subscribe!**
   ...to [VegNews](#) mag! Sure, there's a website, but it's nice to read about all things vegan without having to actually click and wait. It's also nice to have them around the house to look at later!

4. **Actual cozy slippers.**
   A good, warm pair of slippers—not slipper socks, not little faux wool slip-ons—real slippers, lined with soft and moosh moosh ahhhh. Warm slippers on a weekend are THE BEST. Try [Pawj](#). They're on Amazon.

5. **Time**
   None of us are going to lay on our death beds bemoaning the dream house we never had. We'll just want more TIME. Specifically, with the people we love. If you have a vegan in your life, get them on down to Tamerlaine town!

It's transformative. It's quiet, it's joyous, and just the kind of QT someone's craving with you. Did you know that a cow's kiss feels just like a giant cat tongue? [Book a tour today](#) and find out even more fun facts. Like: does it really hurt if a goat headbutts you? (Spoiler: yes, yes, it does.) Can't get here? [Sponsor one of our rescues](#)!

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**Vegan Goals:**

Time

Vegan Gifts

Actual cozy slippers.

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Vegan Resources

References
Crispy Vegan Latkes

Wash and grate 2 med. russet potatoes and 1 small onion. Squeeze to remove any excess moisture.

In a large mixing bowl, stir together the potatoes, onion, 1/4 cup matzo meal, and 2 TBS of potato starch. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Add a generous amount of oil to a pan and heat it over medium heat. As it heats, shape 3-inch patties from your mixture.

Cook each patty about 4-5 minutes on each side until crispy. Dab to remove oil, and sprinkle with chives. Serve warm with apple sauce or vegan sour cream.

Spinach Puffs

Prep work first: Soak a cup of raw cashews in water for 4-8 hours before beginning. Then, preheat the oven to 400. Lightly oil 18 muffin cavities.

Add the cashews, 1/2 cup of soy milk, 1.5 TBS of lemon juice, 2 cloves of garlic and salt to taste into a food processor. Blend until smooth.

Then, drain a 10 oz. frozen bag of spinach before adding it to the food processor, along with a chopped onion and 2 TBS of dill. Pulse until it’s all happily mixed together.

Cut two sheets of puff pastry into 18 squares. Line each muffin cavity. Fill each with the mixture. Then, fold the corners of each strip and squeeze them to shut at the center. Brush the top of the pastry with olive oil.

Bake for about 25 minutes or until browned and puffy. Allow puffs to cool before removing with a butter knife.

Maple Dijon Cheese Ball

You need to start this a day in advance. Prep work: Soak 1.5 cups of raw cashews in water for 4-8 hours.

Place the cashews, 3 TBS. each of mustard & nutritional yeast, 1/4 cup of coconut oil, 1.5 TBS of maple syrup, and salt to taste into a food processor. Blend until smooth. Taste to fine tune.

Shape the mixture into a ball, and wrap it in plastic wrap. Refrigerate it for 4 hours. Then, unwrap and plate it. Press chopped pecans (about 1/2 cup) and press into the outside, reshaping as you go along. Then, refrigerate until ready to serve. You can serve with crackers, bread, veggies, or whatever your heart desires!
Cookies & Cocktails

Because other than hor's d'ouvres, nothing says "home" like warm cookies and warming cocktails. We found THE best sugar cookies (we made several and tasted them all--for YOU!) on itdoesnttastelikechicken.com.

All Holiday Perfect Vegan Sugar Cookies

Here’s the wonderful thing about these cookies: no matter which holiday you celebrate, you can buy your own cookie cutters and make them just the right shape for YOUR family. Just like the holidays, all shapes are equally delicious!

Having friends that from other cultures over for the holidays? You can make the cookies, and leave a "cookie decorating bar" up for them to decorate their own. Super fun!

Preheat oven to 350F.

In a large bowl, mix the dry ingredients: 2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour, ½ teaspoon baking powder, and ¼ teaspoon salt.

In a small bowl, make a chia egg: 1 TBS ground chia & 3 TBS water. Set aside to thicken.

In a third bowl, beat ¾ cup butter & ¾ sugar together until creamy. Stir in 2 tsp. vanilla extract (or more if you’re obsessed like me!) and ½ almond extract.

Mix everything together until a dough forms. Put the dough between parchment paper, and roll it out. Put it on a baking sheet to chill in the freezer for 15 minutes. Then, cut your cookies into lovely shapes!

Bake for about 8-11 minutes. Once they are dry, you can decorate or leave for friends to decorate.

To make icing: mix 1 cup of powdered sugar, and 2-4 tsp of plant milk or water. Once it has the consistency you like, separate into small bowls and color with food coloring. YUMMMM.

HOLIDAY COCKTAILS

Cheers!

Elevate your event to an affair with a signature cocktail. Just double check your vegan liquors!

Stinger
2:1 cognac: creme de menthe, shaken over ice. Smooth.

Sparkling Manischewitz Sangria
1 bottle of grape Manischewitz, 4 shots brandy Sprite/7up Fruits--orange, apple, lime, etc.

Soak the fruit in soda before adding the rest.

Sparkling Apple Cider Martini
4 oz apple cider
3 oz Bellissima Prosecco
1 oz Snow Leopard vodka
1/8 tsp. orange zest
1/8 tsp. maple syrup

Shake it up, and dust rim with brown sugar and cinnamon.
NEW RESIDENTS AT THE SANCTUARY

WHO’S NEW IN THE NABE?

So many wonderful new rescues have joined our Famerlaine recently, and it's thanks to supporters like you that we can give all of our animals safe, healthy, socially rich lives. Come meet them!

AMOR

Meet Harold, our newest almost rescue! Harold is absolutely amazing ...and his story is heartbreaking. We all know that animals just want to live. So strong is that instinct, that sometimes a farmed animal will do anything to escape death. Harold is one of those animals. He was purchased to be slaughtered for food.

He managed to escape his horrible fate and has now spent FIVE MONTHS on the lam despite ongoing attempts to round him up! The farm that lost him gave us permission to bring him home to Tamerlaine.

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AMOR

Amor is THE cutest three pounds of tough exterior and soft heart you’ve ever seen—or held. This sweet man came to us just after we lost our beloved rooster, Valentino. Saddest of all about his passing was his mate, Princess Mia, our tiniest (and feistiest!) hen. She cried out for him for days. Our caretakers carried her in their overalls, and brought her home at night to sleep while she mourned.

Then, like a rooster in shining feathers, Amor knocked on the door of Mia's picky, broken heart and shockingly...she let him.

They're taking it slow but there's no doubt Amor is winning Mia over as he won us over. We'll keep you posted on their love connection!

ZUZU+ MUMU

These very sweet sibs don't have a shy spot on their goat coats! Here they are on Day 1, inspecting their digs, and calling their new herdmates in for a closer look. Zuzu and Mum came to us from an awful situation, but we can't say much about it due to an ongoing investigation. In the meantime...We cannot stop spoiling them because they always react with such joy! And that's okay—they deserve all the happiness we can give them, and more.

At night, Zuzu and Mum snuggle up together in the warm, cozy Goatel. But by day, these young explorers are basking in the sun, wandering every inch of their new pasture, and trotting over to meet new visitors. It seems they cannot believe their luck as they soak it all in. Mumu, we're awestruck by your capacity to trust, forgive, and love. We can't wait to watch these babies grow up! Come see them while they're still small!

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They’re amazing!

INTRODUCING OUR FIRST
#TEAMTAMERLANE KID HEROES!

The best thing we can do to create a more compassionate future is to teach the children how. And someone taught these heroes just how strong love can be! We were so amazed by the empathy these kids showed to caring for animals that we created an entire category to honor them and kids like them. What makes them heroes? Let’s find out!

Ryan Cothrane

Ryan was days away from being an official teenager when he bought a raffle ticket at Flocktoberfest—and WON $812! So what did he do with his winnings? Ryan donated ALL his winnings back to us. He says "I always knew if I won, I’d give it back. I just really care about the animals, and wanted to pay it forward." When asked how he felt afterwards, Ryan smiled shyly, "really good."

But...wasn’t there a second he doubted his plan? Maybe when he heard how much he’d won? Ryan laughed and answered, "Yeah. But just for a second. I wouldn’t really keep it. I wanted to help the animals." Ryan’s mom was vegan, and he made the change about a year ago. Since then, his brother has also switched over. Talk about a hero!!

Cypress Fragale

Little Cypress Wolf is just six years old, and already dedicated to improving the lives of animals. She not only sponsors one of our ducks, but she also crafted little butterflies and sold them, raising $30 for her animal friends. Her reasoning? “I just wanted to be kind to Tamerlaine Farm.” We think she succeeded!

When she’s not reading, (or magically earning the trust of our baby piglets before anyone else has!) she’s loving up her dog Tallulah Mae, and hanging in nature. Cypress is one of the lucky kids born into veganism. With kids like Cypress in the world, “vegan from birth” might soon be the norm! Thanks, Cypress!

Audrey and Justin Kron

"Artie!" Both siblings yell enthusiastically when asked what inspired them to undertake their heroic deed. Justin elaborated: "Artie and I are best friends.” It’s true. Our little potbelly pig is very easy to love!

Justin, 12, and Audrey, 10, earned $972 selling apple sauce and cider. They picked the apples, cooked, and packed jars for an entire day. Then, they set up their table to start selling! "That didn’t work," Audrey laughed, "No one came!" But these heroes were on a mission. So, they filled their red wagon and knocked on doors until they sold out! An after all that? They donated their entire earnings to help our farmed animals. Not only do we know that the animals appreciate such selfless kids, but we think the world at large should, too.
Kaporos is a ritual practiced in some ultra-orthodox Jewish communities on the eve of Yom Kippur. Through sacrifices, past sins and their punishments are transferred away. Sadly, chickens are the unwilling sacrifices. It’s a barbaric, bloody and violent event. Yet it continues to occur on public streets across the country.

During the ritual, a chicken is spun over a person’s head three times by their legs or their wings. Chickens endure painful muscle tears and dislocations from this act. Then, their throats are slit, and they are tossed aside—many still alive.

Practitioners begin amassing chickens from factory farms and line the streets with their crammed cages days beforehand. Basic needs (and kindnesses) like food, water, or shelter from bad weather is a rarity. Kaporos chickens spend their last days in terror and pain.

For many years, we’ve partnered with United Poultry Concerns, The Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos, and volunteers on the ground. Our volunteers provide food and water for the terrified birds. Our trained medical staff provides survivors with triage on-site. We tend to wounds, give medication and make sure chickens are hydrated and fed. We continue excellent life-long medical care for those we can, and find other rescues for the rest. There are too many for one single organization.

This year, over 700 chickens were rescued at events in New York City alone. As usual, health code and animal cruelty violations were not only ignored, but protected by police presence.
MEET DIEGO!

Diego is the biggest boy on our farm and ever the perfect gentlecow. Diego stood up to greet sweet visitors Dylan and Emma McKnight. But as you can see by their faces, that's a size surprise NO ONE is prepared for! Meanwhile, Diego thinks he's still a little dawgy! He just wants to play!

Diego was rescued from a dairy farm. Because he was born male, he would have faced a life of extreme confinement, unable to turn or move, chained by his neck in a veal crate. There's a reason we don't see cows his size that often--"veal" cows are killed when they're 16-24 weeks.

There's a much larger, unspoken victory in the fight to ban crates: a win helps normalize compassion for farmed animals. Openings minds to seeing each animal as a sentient being deserving of a life without suffering. We can keep our eyes on the long-term goal of a vegan world, and prevent cows like Diego from suffering in any way we can, now.

In our last issue, we told you how we're advocating to change the law by ensuring bills to ban veal and gestation crates in our state. Now, the stakes are raised, and we desperately need your help. Our bill was not listed on those the Assembly and Senate they will be voting for in the next session. However, it could still be added to the list. And, if not, there are chances for it to be voted on on 12/16 and 12/20.

Please email
asmukherji@njleg.org
and sengopal@njleg.org
to show them your support!
Sample email on next page
Magnus was rescued at just three hours old, along with his brother, Roman, and sister, Bella. Today, the three of them run gruntily to greet their favorite people, offering kisses and sniffs of pure joy! They're each about 600 lbs. now, but when we rescued them, they were only three hours old. Seven other sibs didn’t make it.

Mama had been inseminated to gave birth in February. A bad idea: in her unheated area, she had the choice to watch her babies freeze to death slowly, or end their pain herself—just as pigs in nature do, out of love. Pigs form family bonds, so this was a heartbreaking situation with no good choice.

By the time sweet Magnus and his sibs arrived here, Mama was likely back in a gestation crate, ready to be inseminated again. And again. And again. No one should have to spend their life pregnant, in a gestation crate too small to turn around in. Banning them may seem like a small goal compared to a vegan world, but to pigs living gestation crates right now...it's huge.

WULL, HULLO, MAGNUS!

How You Can Help

Please email our bill sponsors at: asmmukherji@njleg.org and sengopal@njleg.org and remind them that they have your support! Here's a sample email you can use. But please, personalize it and make it your own.

Dear Asm. Mukherji and Senator Gopal,

As a New Jersey resident, I want to thank you for your prime sponsorship of A5236/S3401, priority legislation in NJ to ban the cruel confinement of mother pigs and baby calves used for veal. I want to make sure you know how strongly I support this bill, and respectfully request that your office ask leadership to post the bill for a floor vote in the Assembly and Senate on December 2nd. **We must send this bill to Gov. Murphy’s desk before the end of this session, and appreciate all your efforts to get this done!**

Thank you,
(Your name and info here)

Keep posted by checking our advocacy kit her: tamerlaine.org/ban-the-crates for updates and more ideas you can use to advocate!
MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S GALA

Did you miss our two seasonal soirees? Fret not! We've got the pix to make you feel like you were there...until you can be, next year. Starting with our dreamy, magical midsummer fête...

01 I almost die for food, and let me have it!

Visitors loved the international selection of delectable bites and curated cocktails by Chef Marisa of Green Cart Catering.

02 Such stuff as dreams are made on

Our farm manager Viola Agostini and Tamerlane friend Lisette Miranda, both Looking radiant and making dreams come true for farmed animals everywhere.

03 With fairy grace, we will sing & bless this place

Our favorite woodland fairy, Bella D'Andrea welcomes visitors to our magical Sanctuary with some song and dance.

04 All the world's a stage

Co-founders Gabrielle Stubbert and Peter Nussbaum introduce the tasty Mz. Cookie Doe, auctioneer extraordinaire...and so much more.

05 Sweets to the sweet

Yes, it's ALL vegan, thanks to Molly Mack's Vegan Cakery. It was as delicious as it was beautiful.

"I have had a dream, past the wit of man to say what dream it was..."
Our family fall festival is always a hit, with food, beer, bands, and a dedicated Kid's Korral.

01 Cuttin' a Rug
Autumn Jones is as beautiful and sultry as her music. We were so lucky to have her and her band perform at the event.

02 Sportin' the swag
Two of Tamerlaine's favorite supporters decked out in our brand new gear at this year's super fun Flocktoberfest!

03 Socially distant but still together
This was only one of our three large tents! It was so wonderful to welcome people back to the Sanctuary. But we will remain vigilant in our quest for safety first!

04 Insta-autumn
This may look like the cover of some award-winning Indie album—it really should be—but it's not! It's our Flocktoberfest guests hamming it up at one of several photo opps around the property. Insta-worthy fall-ness.

05 Chicken(less) Run
We had so much old-fashioned fun in our Kids' Korral! Here's a fierce crowd of competitors at our egg-free egg-on-an-spoon race! Prizes included vegan candy and Tamerlaine goodies.
Do you know other Drag Queens who are vegan?

Hi Cookie Monsters,

It’s been some time since we got to sit down and spill the TEA. Tamerlaite has been quite busy... and so have I!

Ever since we started “Ask Cookie”, our inbox has been stuffed with questions. It’s time we talk about the two questions I get most often.

How do you continue to make glamorous looks without using animal products like fur? As a drag queen, it is my duty to always be as glamorous as possible. We know that way back in the early moons, most would don animal fur, feathers and even the smashed exoskeletons from bugs in make up. It’s always been hard work being beautiful. But the good news is, we don’t need to hurt other living creatures to be beautiful anymore!

Getting to work with Alex for the past 1.5 years makes us almost as lucky as the animals in her care. Apparently, the feeling’s mutual: “I love working with the animals, but I also love the people and the positive energy that everyone collectively brings. I wake up happy to go to work.”

We asked if she had any favorites, and don’t tell the others...but she DOES. It’s the tom turkeys! “They’re very romantic. Instead of having them FOR Thanksgiving dinner, you should be taking them TO dinner. Handsome, bearded fellows with intense stares only for you? I couldn’t think of a better date.” We SO agree, Alex!

There are SO many alternatives to cruelty now, and they actually allow for even more tiers of possibilities. For example, faux fur made with synthetic fabrics is stronger than real fur accessories. So they can be dyed any color and created in different thicknesses! Thus allowing the creatives to get...more creative.

Do you know other Drag Queens who are vegan?

In 2020, Bimini Bon-Boulash graced the television screen on RuPaul’s Dragrace UK. When she entered the work room on day one, she was wearing a faux leather outfit studded with the phrase Vegan B’tch. She was the first known vegan queen to hit the scene. When she kicked open the doors—literally—we knew this would be the tidal wave that rippled in the LGBTQ+ community.

Since then, many queens, on and off the screen, have come out as vegan. We are finding that it allows our skin to be more elastic and hydrating. When performing, our energy levels are higher and not to mention, it allows us to get explore new ways to be creative!

Oh dear, it seems we are out of tea. Keep sharing your questions and we will chat soon. Remember to stay sweet...and don’t get crumbled.
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