

Human Interference

Human Interference is a collection of paintings, intended to start a discussion about the impact that people have on the environment. Whether intentional or unknowingly, every action made can have an effect. Some effects are more dangerous than others, but they all cause changes to the habitats and natural balance of life on the planet. The outcome can even be deadly for some.

With a vivid use of color, intentional brush strokes, and a strong sense of texture- these depictions of animals can be seen as beautiful or aesthetically pleasing. However; when the viewer looks harder at the image and reads its title- the image changes altogether.

The way that we view the world and its creatures is staggered. Why are dogs and cats viewed as loveable and brought into our homes to be cared for, while trash continues to be dumped into the ocean- polluting the homes of numerous aquatic species? What makes one animal's life more worthy than another?

Interfering with the lives of wild animals can endanger them. You may think that feeding a duck bread is a nice treat, but in reality, it changes the balance of their diet, can cause dependency, and ultimately kills them. You might not even think twice about using a plastic bag at a grocery store, but when over 100 billion plastic grocery bags are used per year in America, alone... The results can be catastrophic. It takes up to 1,000 years for just one plastic bag to break down, and these bags are ending up in our ocean in the meantime.

Animals are seen as less than, and not as equal lives on this planet. Koi fish are being moved and brought into landscaping for home decor. Wild creatures- such as raccoons, are being seen as either pests to remove or as an exotic pet to take in, rather than just leaving them alone in their own habitats. Plastic is being used and discarded on a daily basis without a thought about it. Glass is being littered and not properly disposed of. Cars are being driven to every destination, flooding our planet with carbon emissions that dangerously change the chemistry of the ocean.

These are lives and not just material beings for our entertainment. The world is our home and we share it with many species and must take care of it for the years to come.

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