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"Concept in 60"

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Ghandi once said, the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged

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by the way its animals are treated.

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Using that measure the US has some

work to do.

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Today an animal entering a shelter in

America has a 50 percent chance

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of being killed, and in some communities it is as high as 99 percent.

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Many of us support animal charities such as the US Humane Society

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the ASPCA and PETA, but they too euthanize healthy animals to make room for more.

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An estimated three to four million

shelter animals

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are euthanized each year. Some have

serious behavioral problems,

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and some are seriously ill, but many are euthanized because the system deems their time is up.

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When shelters have no room, animals die. It's that simple,

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and it's unacceptable. What we need is a

paradigm shift in the way we think about

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our animals. I think we're moving in the

right direction especially with the no kill movement.

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But we have quite a way to go before the way we treat animals

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demonstrates the greatness of our nation and our moral progress.