The scriptures give man the right to "fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Gen. 1:28).

But...the scriptures do not give man the right of cruelty, "A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal, But even the compassion of the wicked is cruel" (Prov. 12:10).

If you want to know the true character of man take notice of how he regards "the life of his animal."