

DID YOU KNOW THAT SUPERMAN is Vegan?

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Toxic masculinity teaches that being a man means aggressiveness, sexually insatiability, and dominance. Toxic masculinity thinks meat is for men, salad is for girls.

Some wonderful groups are teaching interested men to consciously shift from toxic masculinity to healthy, awake masculinity, which values collaboration over domination, protection over destruction, compassion over bullying. They help men understand how a culture of dominance hurts boys and men, not just girls and women. It's also hurting the planet.

HEALTHY MASCULINITY

One common tenant of the new school of healthy masculinity is environmental stewardship. Since the animal agriculture business has long been recognized as the chief contributor to environmental degradation,

why isn't veganism standard teaching in the healthy masculinity community? Some leaders have stated

some leaders have stated that 2019 is the "year veganism becomes a moral imperative."

Strongman and vegan bellwether, Dominick Thompson agrees.

REDEFINING MASCULINITY

Dom's love of animals shines through everything he touches. This love of life inspired him to launch a comprehensive food planning, counseling, and delivery system called Eat What Elephants Eat, available to anyone with an internet connection for \$14





a month. His masculinity includes protecting not only vulnerable animals, but vulnerable humans too. He's intimately aware of how toxic masculinity affects this planet and talks globally on redefining masculinity through veganism.

Though not a central theme in most healthy masculinity groups, veganism supports the issues of compassion, protection, collaboration, and ecological guardianship.

RESCUING THE DEFENSELESS FROM BRUTALITY

Dominick's stunning good looks and physical strength appear to be straight out

> of Marvel's superhero playbook. So, too, his passionate desire to rescue the defenseless from brutality. Having gone vegetarian during a stint in the Chicago prison system, he is no stranger to brutality. Because of his physical magnificence, his

Instagram followers often ask how they can look more like him. He says his physique is a bonus. His vegan identity always was and always will be fierce protector of the innocent.

No one questions Dom's masculinity, especially when he's toting his tiny Shih Tzu/Pomeranian mix of a fur daughter, Scruff McFly, who lives on a 100% vegan diet. In those moments, he's the epitome of healthy masculinity. He's tender, loving, expressive, and protective. Just like Superman—who was vegan, by the way.

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Mother Earth As the earth spins,

some feel a temperate breeze, others a cool freeze. Mother Nature screams out: "Please, be kind. It's all I ask." (Tanka, 2014)

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