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Going for Kindness

Squealing into town on Saturday for a whistle stop visit at Bendigo Farmers' Market was a delightful trio of farm animals from Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary. Hamish Pig, Timmy Lamb (but he really is a sheep) and Miss Polly Piglet, described as ambassadors by their guardian Pam Ahern, quickly set to work whipping up many new adoring fans.

"Our mission is simple" said Pam. "Our mission is kindness for all animals. It's amazing how empowering it is when one learns about injustice and takes a stand against it. When it comes to animal cruelty, many people think of unkind acts to animals in far off lands. But sadly right here, right now, millions of farm animals are denied legal protection for acts of cruelty that are forbidden against cats and dogs".

Pam says that she and her fellow volunteers from the not for profit organization Edgar's Mission never tell people what to do or not do. Rather they encourage people to think about the choices they make and how they affect others.

"Sadly the animals of this world who truly need our help do not have a voice we can understand, nor do they have the power to vote. Their only hope that their world can change for the better rests with informed and compassionate consumers. I just love farmers market as the people who come here are concerned about their environmental footprint, we now are asking them to consider their kindness one too".

Edgar's Mission is situated in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range just west of Kilmore, they are currently home to over 200 rescued animals. Each weekend they can be seen out and about throughout Victoria championing the cause of farm animals.

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"If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others... why wouldn't we?"