# IN YOUR VEGAN STYLE

SWEETS and TREATS to BEAT the HEAT

Avoid
the chemicals
this season

Fun 'n faux accessories to do your best chilling

Enjoy the outdoors ... and the getaways!



Where does the time go? The older you get, the faster it seems to fly by! We are already half way through the year and veganism is definitely taking over, as predicted.

Beyond Meat stocks went public, broke records, and their burgers and sausages are *everywhere*! Most fast food, restaurant chains, and grocery stores not embracing the company are offering competitor versions or their own "plant-based" creations instead.

Meanwhile, vegan-friendly fashion and beauty products are also appearing all over. To sum up: It is becoming amazingly easier and easier to honour your belief in animal rights. Because most of us are truly uncool with the reality of innocent beings getting slaughtered and skinned for food or clothes.

And if all that wasn't enough, Toronto summers bring everyone out in party mode because even the sometimes-wonky weather is far better than our winters! Check out all things vegan...



## **FASHION**

How many times have we heard people assure us how difficult it is to find quality items that are free of animal skins and by-products? Well, guys, it's 2019 (the year of the vegan) and faux leather—not to mention various other alternatives—is everywhere. Not only can we feel oodles better about not hurting animals that way, but vegan-friendly goods are often more cost-effective, too. From mainstream stores like Banana Republic and Macy's carrying numerous great options these days, to fully cruelty-free companies like Pixie Mood (a Canadian brand that makes bags) and Mahonitas (a Brazilian brand that makes sandals), accessorizing is now easy peasy vegan squeezy!



# DÉCOR

When summer finally comes around, it is equally enticing to take advantage of your backyard, deck, front lawn, balcony, porch, and so on as it is to escape your hometown and enjoy some travel time. But no matter how you decide to spend those blink-and-you'll-miss-'em few months, we think you should have some goodies with which to do it that are both vegan-friendly and environmentally-friendly. Ditch the plastic straws, disposable cups, and paper lunch bags, sip some coffee at home from a funny mug instead of grabbing a to-go cup down the street, and perhaps do a little cooking, photographing, and relaxing outside with friends. You earned this needed break!



Clockwise from top left: Crate & Barrel Stainless Steel Straws, Love and Lore vegan leather Passport Cover Travel Icons, Charming Charlie stainless steel Squeeze The Day Lemon Water Bottle, Lace and Twig ceramic mug, Distinctly Home Cruz Folding Deck Chair, Sunnylife Underwater Camera, Old Navy Graphic Canvas Lunch Tote, Charming Charlie Succulent Spoon Rest

# BEAUTY

There's something about the warmer months that make you feel more alive... and willing to get out there and socialize more, am I right? But, sometimes, those heat and smog warnings, summer thunderstorm warnings, and the like can threaten to disrupt the fun. Veganism as a movement is not only driven by the desire to protect animals (although, for many of us, it is the primary motivation), it has environmental benefits related to climate change. Then, while searching for products to substitute non-vegan ones, you might also start noticing the foreign ingredients listed on numerous bottles. Slathering your body with natural vegan options is certainly more appealing...



## DINING

No matter what you are celebrating this summer—a birthday, anniversary or a Thursday—Vegan Danish Bakery and Copenhagen Cafe are always a good idea. VDB, the big sister, is still located in its original spot just north of the city in Thornhill. What began as a modest little counter-top takeout style bakery in front of a costume shop ultimately morphed into the cute little eatery it is today. The sister owners renovated and converted the space so well, in fact, that it spawned another location with a different name right in the heart of Vegandale. Both of them take orders for delicious layered cakes in a plethora of options, but also serve amazing breakfast foods now!

