

Cousin Taco

mamá strolls ahead
niña tags along, stays near
tethered by instinct

as if on a leash
invisible tie that bonds
unchosen action

so our mammal kin:
pups, calves, foals, cubs, fawns, kittens,
same wants, needs, fears ... genes

they feel what we feel
human hubris shrouds our view
vegans see clearly

a cousin for lunch
unforgivable taco?
moral quandary

Photo: On Puerto Vallarta's malecón

