OIE animal welfare standards in the legislation: Experience of China

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Outline

1. History of animal welfare in China
2. Welfare of farm animal
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4. Trend of animal welfare development
1 History of Animal Welfare in China

- In 2004, OIE adopted its global guidelines for animal welfare.

- In 2007, China restored a member of OIE.
A series of work have been carried out: terrestrial animals transport, killing of animals for disease control, farm animals, experimental animals, stray animals welfare.

Draft of *Animal Welfare Law* proposed by Chinese scholars.
Some Animal Acts had been issued in China

- "Wildlife Protection Law" (1988)
  about wildlife implemented by the State Forestry of Administration.

  about livestock and farm animal by the Ministry of Agriculture.

- "Regulations for the administration of affairs concerning experimental animals" (1991)
  about animals used in research and education by the Ministry of Science and Technology.
中华人民共和国野生动物保护法

中华人民共和国畜牧法

实验动物管理条例
2 Welfare of Farm Animal

- "Animal Husbandry Law (AHL)" had involved animal welfare.

- AHL article 42: necessary conditions for animal rearing and living in a livestock and poultry farm.

- AHL article 53: essential space, feeds, and drinking water must be provided to animals in transportation.
According to the regulations for animal welfare of OIE.

The book in Chinese *Good Practice for the Welfare of Farm Animals* was published in 2011.
农场动物福利
良好操作指南

Good Practice for the Welfare of Farm Animals

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Translation of some English Books about Animal Welfare into Chinese
The Books about Animal Welfare
Symposiums of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals by Legislation I & II
The Website of Welfare of Farm Animal

- **WWW.CFAW.NET.CN**
- Caring for animals, Sharing of health
- Providing information of animal welfare and healthy breeding
Export Enterprises

- Some domestic large-scale export enterprises refer to the practice of developed countries in terms of animal welfare.
- Such as space designing, farming, transportation and slaughter.
- [http://www.china-haoyue.com](http://www.china-haoyue.com)
Investigation on cattle and dairy farm
Dairy farm in Nanjing
Research Programs on Farm Animal Welfare

- e.g. “Livestock environment stress response in production and transportation and control technology research”

were supported by Special Fund of Agricultural Ministry.
The Textbook used by students at Universities

**Animal Protection and Animal Welfare**

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4.1.4 Principle of animal welfare

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Some Problems Causing Poor Welfare in Farm Animals

- Some owners and managers of the *animals* lack of concept of animal welfare in transport.

- Transport companies, *vehicle* owners and drivers have no appropriate awareness and training in relevant issues in animal welfare.
Animal transport
3 Stray Dog Population Control in China

- Pet number has reached about 100 million in China.

- There are large numbers of stray dogs in Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, et al.
Stray dogs
Stray dogs
The government agencies and Veterinary Authority play a leadership role in control stray dogs population.

- Take responsibility for legislating relevant laws and regulations.
- Have legislative authority in dealing with zoonotic diseases.
The Dog Management Regulations have been issued in big cities, such as in Beijing (2003), Shanghai (2011), Guangzhou (2011).

Each family is only allowed to have one dog, and is not allowed to keep strong, large or aggressive dogs.

Issue "The Dog Registration License"

Don’t abuse or abandon the dog.
◆ If the dog is **dead or missing**, the dog owner should tell the registration authority and handle the cancellation procedures.

◆ If dog owner has to **abandon the dog**, the dog should be taken to the public security agencies or formal shelter, such as **Nanjing Police Station Dogs Shelter**.
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Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) play important roles in control stray dogs population

- Set up shelter to rescue and keep the stray dogs.
- Practice desex surgery to control reproduction in dogs.
- Seriously ill or dying stray dogs must be humanely killed or Euthanasia.
Peace ArFu, 1800 stray dogs and cats’s home in Nanjing
The public play an key role in control stray dogs population

- Strengthen animal ethic and welfare of education.
- Encourage resident to actively adopt the dogs from formal shelter.
- Promote responsible ownership.
• Modern Chinese youth's voice:
Existing problems causing poor welfare in pet animals

- Abandoned animals
- ill–treated pet animals
Abandoned dogs
Abandoned dogs
The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

Gandhi (1869-1948)
4 Trend of animal welfare development

- Strengthen international cooperation.

- Carry out the standard of OIE animal welfare.

- Make the standard of Chinese animal welfare more suitable to Chinese national conditions.
Non-governmental groups, organizations and scholars will promote animal welfare legislation like "Cruelty to Animals Act".

Now, "General Principles of Animal Welfare" is in discussion in China, it will promote animal welfare lawmaking.
For Farm Animals

- Transport operation should be standardized.
- Farm animals should be humanely killed.
For Stray Animals

- Establish a uniform stray animal rescue base and the adoption system.
- Build fixed-point breeding and selling system.
- Implant identification chips to trace the animals.
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