Integrating the welfare interests of humans and animals

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Moving the world to protect animals
Improving animal protection

• Working with stakeholders
  – Producers, retailers, consumers/citizens, trade associations, scientists, vets, NGOs, religious groups, cultural groups, governments, IGOs

• Identifying benefits to humans, animals and environment
  – Farm animals
  – Animals in communities
  – Animals in the wild
  – Animals affected by disasters
Sustainability

Environmental

Animal management
Animal welfare

Economic
Social
OIE

Guiding principles for animal welfare

5. Use of animals in agriculture, education and research, and for companionship, recreation and entertainment, makes a major contribution to the wellbeing of people

6. Use of animals carries with it an ethical responsibility to ensure their welfare

7. Improvements in farm animal welfare often improve productivity and food safety and lead to economic benefits
UN Sustainable Development Goals

2030 Agenda:

• Ensure food security within sustainable food production systems
• End rabies and other neglected tropical diseases
• Significantly reduce the number of people affected by disasters, increasing resilience and protecting animals as productive assets.
• End poaching and trafficking of protected wild species (2030) and significantly reduce marine debris (2025)
Farm animals

• Humane handling and slaughter increase:
  – Yield of saleable meat
  – Food safety
  – Disease control
  – Worker safety
  – Profit

• Brazil, China, Asia
• Broilers
Farm animals: economics

Welfare

Productivity

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short term

long term

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Farm animals: economics
long-term
Farm animals: businesses, investors and consumers
Animals in communities

Rabies / Free roaming dogs
• Killing does not work
• Human and animal behaviour
• Environmental factors
• Some dogs are owned
• Some are community dogs
“Stray dogs that are under a certain level of control may be understood as a sanitary and a reproductive barrier for the communities where they live”

Molento 2014
Animals in communities

- ICAM (International Companion Animal Management Coalition)
- Collaborating with universities and others
- Impacts on dogs, public health, wildlife, livestock
Animals in the wild

• Ghost gear
  – At least 136,000 seals, sea lions and large whales killed each year
  – 640,000 tonnes of gear per year
Animals in the wild

- Global Ghost Gear Initiative
  - Multi-stakeholder alliance to drive economically viable and sustainable solutions
Animals affected by disasters

- A billion of the world's poorest people depend on animals for food, income, social status or cultural identification, as well as companionship and security
- Disaster management
  - Preparedness
  - Response
- Working with
  - Local and national partners
  - International Red Cross
  - Governments
  - OIE
Animals affected by disasters

- Training people
- Developing community emergency plans that include animals
- Setting up early warning systems
- Helping people store and protect food and water
- Building and securing animal shelters
- Running vaccination programmes
- Public service announcements on caring for animals during disasters
Sustainability / Food security

Environment

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UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

2014
Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems to enhance Food Security and Nutrition

High Level Panel of Experts 2016
Sustainable agricultural development for food security and nutrition: what roles for livestock?
Section 3. Recommendations for Livestock Production Systems

8. Improve animal health and welfare
   a) Enable access to veterinary and extension services …
   b) Improve animal health management … by following OIE standards, and the One Health approach …
   d) Improve animal welfare delivering on the five freedoms and related OIE standards and principles …
   e) Promote access to good quality feed and … sustainable feeding practices
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12. Promote the sustainability of intensive systems
d) Promote a physical environment and genetic selection that ensures compliance with the OIE welfare standards, including the Five Freedoms
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- Collaboration & partnerships
- OIE: One World, One Health, One Welfare
- Caring for animals, for humans and for the environment