

International Coalition for  
Farm Animal Welfare  
Role of Animal Welfare NGOs



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ICFAW

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- ❑ Formed in 2001, specifically to represent global animal welfare organisations at the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
- ❑ Provides OIE with animal welfare comment, opinion and information

# Members

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- ❑ World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA). Global Federation: Over 770 member organisations in 147 countries.
- ❑ Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA). Affiliated organisations from over 60 countries.
- ❑ Humane Society International (HSI) – part of HSUS
- ❑ RSPCA Australia. Includes most major aw groups in Australia.
- ❑ Eurogroup for Animals. Over 35 member and observer organisations from all over the European Union.
- ❑ Compassion in World Farming (CIWF)
- ❑ National Council of SPCAs – South Africa. 102 member societies
- ❑ Japan Farm Animal Welfare Initiative (JFAWI)
- ❑ International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)

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- ❑ ICFAW is dedicated to raising standards of animal welfare in livestock production systems, during transport and at slaughter, throughout the world.
- ❑ Its members are also concerned with the welfare of those animals used for scientific purposes, in exhibitions, for companionship and for sporting purposes.

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- ❑ Farm animal welfare standards advocated by the ICFAW are based on the Five Freedoms;
  - Freedom from thirst, hunger, and malnutrition
  - Freedom from discomfort
  - Freedom from pain, injury and disease
  - Freedom to express normal behaviour
  - Freedom from fear and distress
- ❑ For animals used for scientific purposes, ICFAW would wish to see the 3Rs applied in all circumstances: Reduction, Refinement and Replacement.

# Role of Animal Welfare NGOs

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Depends on type and size

- Single purpose:

Most NGOs are single purpose and concerned with companion animals. Stray and unwanted dogs and cats in particular.

There are many who are concerned with laboratory animals.

# Role of Animal Welfare NGOs (2)

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## □ Multiple Purpose:

- RSPCA
- HSUS

## □ Federations:

- National eg. Deutsche Tierschutzbund.
- International eg. Eurogroup for Animals
- Global eg. WSPA

# WSPA

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- ❑ World's largest federation of animal welfare organisations.
- ❑ Over 770 members in 147 countries
- ❑ Consultative status with United Nations
- ❑ Observer status at Council of Europe.
- ❑ Building a global animal welfare awareness.

# Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare (UDAW)

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## AIMS:

- ❑ Achieve global consideration of the welfare of sentient animals
- ❑ Recognition by governments of animal welfare as an issue of importance.
- ❑ Stimulate the spread of national animal protection legislation and initiatives
- ❑ Make clear that animal welfare is inextricably linked to human welfare
- ❑ Compliment and support animal welfare standards and guidelines of the OIE

# Messages of the UDAW

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- ❑ Animal health and welfare play significant roles in the numerous interactions that humans have with animals
- ❑ Effective animal welfare strategies can be important in tackling issues such as human health, disaster preparedness, poverty, sustainable agriculture, social development and the environment.