Animal Welfare and WSPA's Work in the Region

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About WSPA

The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) seeks to create a world where animal welfare matters and animal cruelty ends. WSPA will strive to achieve sustainable change for animals through;

- Tackling the root causes of animal suffering
- Using science to underpin ethical cases
- Engaging positively with agencies
- Developing and implementing solutions that work
- Making animals matter to people

Partnering with International Agencies

- United Nations – only animal welfare organisation with consultative status

- World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

- Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

- World Trade Organisation (WTO)

- World Bank

- World Health Organisation (WHO)

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WSPA Areas of Work

- Inhumane culling of dogs and cats
- Disaster management
- Wildlife
- Sustainable farming
- Education

Inhumane Dog Culling

- Inhumane culling of more than 20 million dogs each year as a response to rabies

- Unnecessarily pain and cruel methods

  – Poisoning

  – Shooting

  – Beating

  – Electrocution

  – Gassing

- **Goal:** to end the inhumane culling of dogs in response to rabies

- **Develop and demonstrate the solution:** working with governments and local communities to demonstrate vaccination is most effective response

- **Promote and amplify our solution:** promote success to other governments to adopt humane and sustainable solutions

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Case Study
Bali Island-Wide Vaccination

- Government cull in response to rabies outbreak subjected **over 130,000 dogs to slow death** from strychnine poisoning and threatened hundreds of thousands more

- WSPA responded to this crisis with **solutions**

- Partnered with Bali Animal Welfare Association to launch an island-wide vaccination campaign

    – 210,000 dogs (>70%) vaccinated across Bali, saving the island's 300,000 dogs from strychnine poison

    – Within 4 months, 48% reduction in human rabies deaths; 45% reduction in dogs rabies cases

    – Vaccinated dogs wore iconic red collars –symbol of their importance in halting spread of rabies, and "Red Collar Campaign" was named in their honour

    – Second phase vaccinations continued by government with support from FAO, AusAid and USAID

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'Natural' Disasters

- Drought
- Earthquakes
- Extreme temperature
- Floods
- Mud slides

- Volcanic eruptions
- Wild fires
- Wave / surge events
- Wind-storm
- Man-made

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Effects in 2010

- 385 disasters killed more than 297000 people
- Over 217 million people affected
- US$124 billion in damage
- 39% of Haiti's population affected
- 8 million (17%) of Mongolia's livestock

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DISASTER RESPONSE – ANIMAL WELFARE OPTIONS

RESCUE & EVACUATION

VETERINARY FIRST AID

VETARINARY RECOVERY – STATIC CLINICS
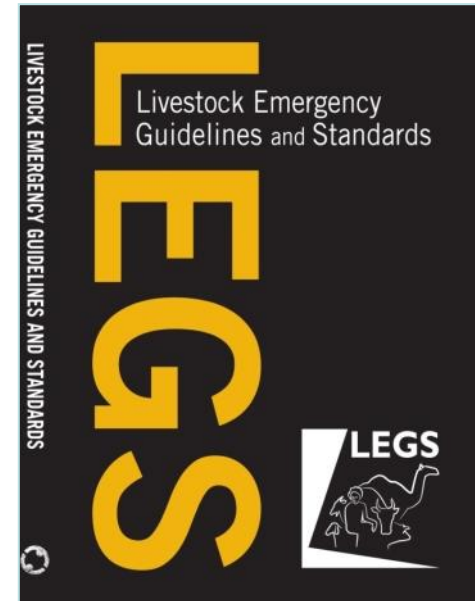
FEEDING

VACINATION

LOST & FOUND

VETARINARY RECOVERY – MOBILE CLINICS

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Cyclone Nargis, Myanmar

- Immediate Response
  - delivered 120 tons emergency feed to delta livestock
  - led four veterinary teams for four weeks
- Recovery
  - rebuilt the destroyed LBVD veterinary centre at Kunyangone township
- Risk reduction
  - ran village evacuation simulations in 17 villages so the villages could evacuate with their livestock to safe areas in future

Welfare of wildlife

- Ideal welfare situation for wildlife is in the wild
- Wildlife is exploited for medicinal products, meat, fashion, entertainment, spiritual/traditional beliefs and souvenirs
- In many countries insufficient regulations for provision of adequate welfare to wildlife
- Challenging legal situation for international trade with wildlife or the capture of animals in international waters
- Illegal wildlife trade prone to severe cruelty as no monitoring of welfare and potentially extreme quantities of animals affected

WSPA works on:

- Marine mammals – with no option for humane slaughtering, WSPA calls for a stop to commercial whaling

- Captive bears – extreme cruelty through use in blood sports and high demand for bear products calls for an end of keeping captive bears for commercial purposes

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Case study: Bear Baiting

- Cruel tradition in Pakistan
- WSPA works with local group BRC: committed to **stop the tradition** of bear baiting
- Holistic project involving:

- Decreasing demand through religious messaging
- Influencing political decision makers
- Improving legislation
- Empowering local authorities
- Providing alternative livelihoods to former bear owners and ensuring their sustainability
- Providing high-welfare standards sanctuary for surrendered bears
- Detailed monitoring and evaluation of efforts

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Global Farming Trends
Intensification and Industrialisation

- Economy, jobs and livelihoods

  - 1 billion of the world's poorest people depend on animals for food, income, transport, social status or cultural identification

- Welfare of animals

  - Health problems, behavioural and movement restriction, mutilations

- Land use and environment

  - 70% of land for human use, increasing deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions – largest polluting sectors

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Transforming Global Farming

- **Vision:** world where animal welfare is at heart of farming and suffering of farm animals has ended
  - Free from confinement, free to express natural behaviours, bred for good welfare, and free from mutilations
- **Mission:** to ensure animal welfare fully integrated into policies, practices and behaviours of those responsible for farm animals
- **Developing plan to transform farming:**
  - China, India & Brazil for production
  - Europe & US for food business

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Case study: India

- Keggfarm, local poultry supplier, had competition when the country open up trade to international players

- They focussed on producing birds suited for the 'back-yard' farmers of rural households

- Improves livelihoods of poor households and protects animal welfare

- Company is branching into welfare focussed commercial egg production

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FIRST CONCEPTS in Animal Welfare

5 - 16 YEARS AGE RANGE

First Concept In Animal Welfare (FCAW) Programme

UN DECADE OF EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
DÉCENNIE DES N.U. POUR L'ÉDUCATION EN VUE DU DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE
2005-2014

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It is values-based education:

- Develops **sensitivity** to all life
- Encourages children to be more **compassionate**
- Develops a sense of awe, responsibility and **duty of care**
- Empowers children to make decisions as **responsible world citizens**

Case study: Thailand

- Program in Thailand started in 2008 with support from local education authorities

- Training provided to in-service teachers from more than 200 primary schools in Thailand and to 300 pre-service teachers from 2 universities

- At least 80 primary schools within the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration has fully adopted our program into their teachings
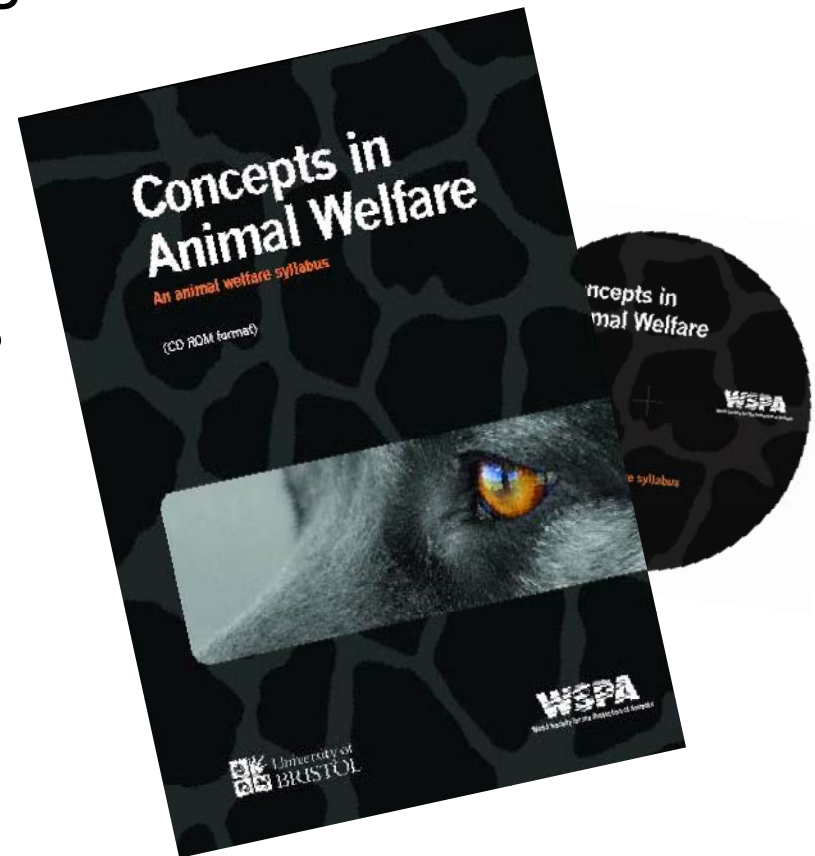

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Advanced Concepts in Animal Welfare

- Veterinarians play a crucial in improving animal welfare through their own actions and by influencing others to do the same

- ACAW program targets veterinary faculties to educate scholars in the more advanced concepts of animal welfare

- Enables vets to understand the science behind animal welfare

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- ACAW focuses on ensuring that animal welfare is included and taught effectively in the training provisions for veterinarians

- Work through Key Drivers
  - Capacity building
  - Increase resource
  - Networking

- Support from Deans and key agencies

Case study: Philippines

- National steering committee
- 3 national teaching training workshops
  - Focus on specific AW issues
- Book and resource sharing
- All 20 vet schools are teaching animal welfare