

FIVE FREEDOMS

The welfare of an animal includes its physical and mental state and we consider that good animal welfare implies both fitness and a sense of well-being. Any animal kept by man, must at least, be protected from unnecessary suffering.



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1. FREEDOM FROM HUNGER AND THIRST

by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigor.

2. FREEDOM FROM DISCOMFORT

by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.

3. FREEDOM FROM PAIN, INJURY OR DISEASE

by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.

4. FREEDOM TO EXPRESS NORMAL BEHAVIOR

by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.

5. FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND DISTRESS

by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.