CHAPTER 7.1.
INTRODUCTION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

Article 7.1.1.

Definition - General considerations

Animal welfare means the physical and psychological mental state of how an animal is coping with in relation to the conditions in which it lives and dies.

An animal is in a good state of experiencing good welfare if (as indicated by scientific evidence) it the animal is healthy, comfortable, well nourished, safe, is not suffering from unpleasant states such as pain, fear, and distress, and is able to express innate behaviours that are important for its physical and psychological mental state, and if it is not suffering from unpleasant states such as pain, fear, and distress.

Good animal welfare requires disease prevention and appropriate veterinary treatment care, shelter, management and nutrition, a stimulating and safe environment, humane handling and humane slaughter or killing. While animal welfare refers to the state of the animal, the treatment that an animal receives is covered by other terms such as animal care, animal husbandry, and humane treatment.