

TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS
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GLOSSARY

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Antimicrobial agent

means a naturally occurring, semi-synthetic or synthetic substance that ~~at *in vivo* concentrations~~ exhibits antimicrobial activity (kill or inhibit the growth of micro-organisms) at concentrations attainable *in vivo*. Anthelmintics and substances classed as disinfectants or antiseptics are excluded from this definition.

Current text as proposed:

Captive wild animal

means an *animal* that have a phenotype not significantly affected by human selection but that are captive or otherwise live under supervision or control by humans.

Suggested text:

Captive wild animal

means an *animal* that ~~have has~~ a phenotype not ~~significantly affected by~~ subject to deliberate human selection, other than to protect health and maintain genetic diversity, but that ~~are is~~ captive or otherwise ~~live lives~~ under supervision or control by humans.

Rationale: Some captive wild animals have genotypes that have been significantly affected by human selection—both unintentional and intentional. Selection for docility (e.g., tigers), inbreeding to in-house or geographically near specimens (e.g., elephants), genetic recovery efforts (e.g., Przelwalski's horses). Other changes are editorial.

Current text as proposed:

Euthanasia

means the act of inducing *death* using a method that causes a rapid and irreversible loss of consciousness with minimum pain and distress to the *animal*.

Suggested text:

Euthanasia

means the act of inducing *death* using a method that causes a rapid ~~and irreversible~~ loss of consciousness followed by cardiac or respiratory arrest and ultimate loss of brain function with ~~minimum~~ minimal pain and distress to the *animal*.

Rationale: For killing to be humane, consciousness must be lost for a sufficient period of time until cardiac or respiratory arrest is followed by loss of brain function. For example, inhalant gases may cause a loss of consciousness that is reversible, but such gases are appropriate for euthanasia when used in conjunction with another method (or prolonged exposure) that induces cardiac or respiratory arrest, ultimately leading to loss of brain function.

Text as currently proposed:**Feral animal**

means a previously domestic animal that now live without supervision, control by or dependence on humans.

Suggested text:**Feral animal**

means ~~a an previously domestic~~ animal of a domesticated species that now ~~live~~ lives without supervision from, control by or dependence on humans.

Rationale: Domestic animals are still domestic species so they are not “previously domestic.” Other changes are editorial.

Veterinary legislation

means laws, regulations and all associated legal instruments that pertain to the veterinary domain.

Text as currently proposed:**Wild animal**

means an animal that have a phenotype unaffected by human selection and live independent of direct human supervision or control.

Suggested text:**Wild animal**

means an animal that ~~has~~ have a phenotype unaffected by human selection and ~~lives~~ independent of direct human supervision or control.

Rationale: grammar

Text as currently proposed:**Wildlife**

means any combination of feral animals, captive wild animals and wild animals.

Suggested text:**Wildlife**

means any combination of ~~feral animals~~, captive wild animals and wild animals.

Rationale: Considering feral animals as *wild* animals may be problematic in that *wildlife* is often seen as a protected category, whereas *feral* animals are generally unconstrained animals that lack conservation value.