



Mythbusting: We don't need to worry about farm animal welfare because they are just used for food

Concepts

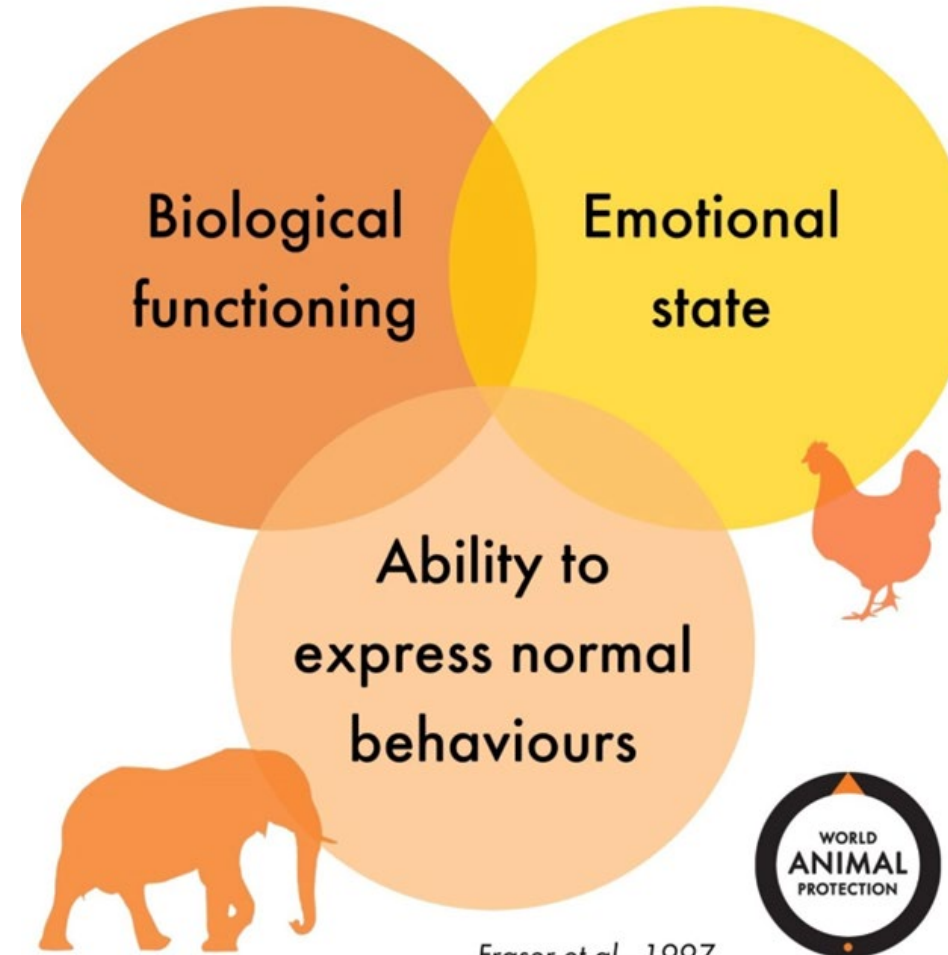
Animals as Sentient beings

- Sentience is ‘being able to experience feelings’
- Feelings can be positive (e.g. happy) or negative (e.g. pain)

Questions:

- How do we know if animals can experience feelings?
- Does our use of animals affect their ability to experience feelings?

The concept of animal welfare includes...



How do we know if animals can experience feelings?

Behavioural observation

- frequency or duration of behaviours can be measured
- behavioural expression



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Physiological indicators

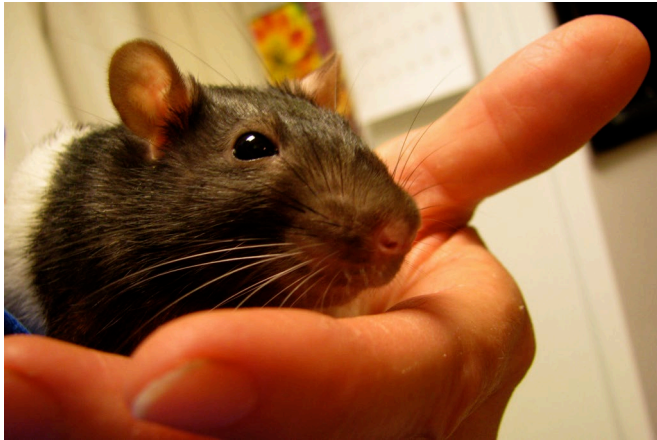
- measurements of hormonal indicators of stress
- changes in heart rate or blood pressure



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Does our use of animals affect their ability to experience feelings?



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Mythbusting

- Our main farmed species – evidence that they are sentient
- Their biology doesn't change because we have chosen to use animals in different ways
- Therefore we do have a duty of care for the welfare of animals farmed for food

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- If you want to find out how many animals are produced for food in different parts of the world you can find data [here](#).
- Just change the 'Item' to different species



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