

# Dutch animal welfare education - collective understanding and individual application

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# Collective understanding at national level

- “Sharing knowledge for the benefit of all”
- Besides transfer of knowledge, creating awareness and reflection from the professional actions and choices – individual application
- Required: Infrastructure/network for cooperation and implementation of animal welfare in the national educational landscape
- Animal welfare infrastructure works well at a national level. Blueprint for other countries?



# Dutch animal welfare infrastructure

- Animal Welfare Web (Dierenwelzijnsweb) – Dutch portal and website on animal welfare



- National animal welfare education team – cooperation between various schools and research institutes, initiating and supporting projects



- Animal Welfare Group – one coordinating school, being the driving force behind the activities of the Animal Welfare Web and the national team



- Dutch portal and website on animal welfare, available for schools, researchers, professionals, policy makers etc.
- Managed by representatives from different schools and research institutes
- Structured around knowledge, news, experiences, events, opinions, educational resources on animal welfare





Dierenwelzijnsweb

Zoeken

- GKN Home - DWW actueel

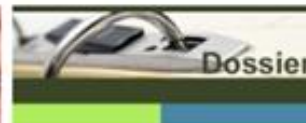
## Dierenwelzijn

Door het houden van dieren en de relatie tussen mensen en dieren kan **dierenwelzijn** onder druk komen te staan. Maar wat is dierenwelzijn eigenlijk? Je kunt het omschrijven als het voldoen aan de behoeftes van dieren en de zorg voor hun fysieke en mentale gezondheid. Maar maatschappelijke en ethische invalshoeken zorgen ervoor dat dierenwelzijn een veelomvattend en complex begrip is. Op de themapagina Dierenwelzijnsweb vind je kennis, nieuws, ervaringen, meningen en onderwijshulpmiddelen over dierenwelzijn.

### Etalage Dierenwelzijnsweb



Beeldbank



Dossiers



Cursussen

### Laatste Nieuws



TEST UW POLITIEKE VOORKEUR AAN DE HAAND VAN 15 GROENE STELLINGEN



#### Hulp bij dierenwelzijnsvriendelijk stemmen

21-8-2012

Versillende dierenbeschermingsorganisaties bieden via websites en het organiseren van debatten hulp aan de kiezer bij het maken van diervriendelijke stemkeuzes.

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#### Subsidie voor welzijnsvriendelijke kalvervloeren

20-8-2012

Houders van vleeskalveren kunnen nog tot en met 31 augustus 2012 subsidie aanvragen voor de aanschaf van welzijnsvriendelijke kalvervloeren. Een van de voorwaarden voor de subsidie is deelname aan aanvullend onderzoek naar het welzijn van de kalveren.

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### Scientific publications

[Click here to search for English documents on Animal Welfare](#)

### Column

#### Grazers in de stad



Fred Haaijen

Koeien en schapen als grazers in de stad, een bijdrage aan een levende leefbare én eetbare stad.

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### Agenda

#### 27 augustus 2012

[» 63rd Annual Meeting of the EAAP](#)

#### 27 augustus 2012

[» Summercourse Husbandry of rescued primates](#)

#### 28 augustus 2012

[» Measuring Behavior 2012](#)

# National animal welfare education team



- Cooperation between various schools and research institutes
- Generating projects in which state-of-the-art animal welfare knowledge is examined in detail, selected and applied and distributed for use in teaching and in practice
- Seeks close cooperation with NGO's, other research institutions, and other potential partners
- Connected with main educational programmes Animal care, Livestock management, Veterinary assistance and Horse management

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# National animal welfare education team

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## Three main themes:

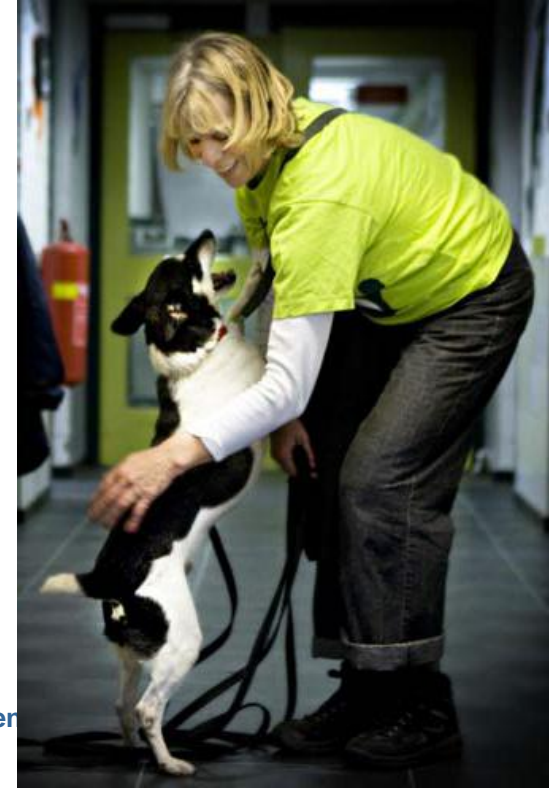
- Life long learning – e.g. courses
- Knowledge and innovation – e.g. Animal Welfare Web, innovations in animal welfare education (Welfare Quality)
- Green knowledge for citizens – e.g. animal lessons for young children





# Example of project: animal welfare course

- Increasing demand in vocational education for education materials on animal welfare – *students between 16 and 22 years of age*
- Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals wants to move more towards professionalisation and qualifications of its staff on animal welfare



# Online animal welfare course



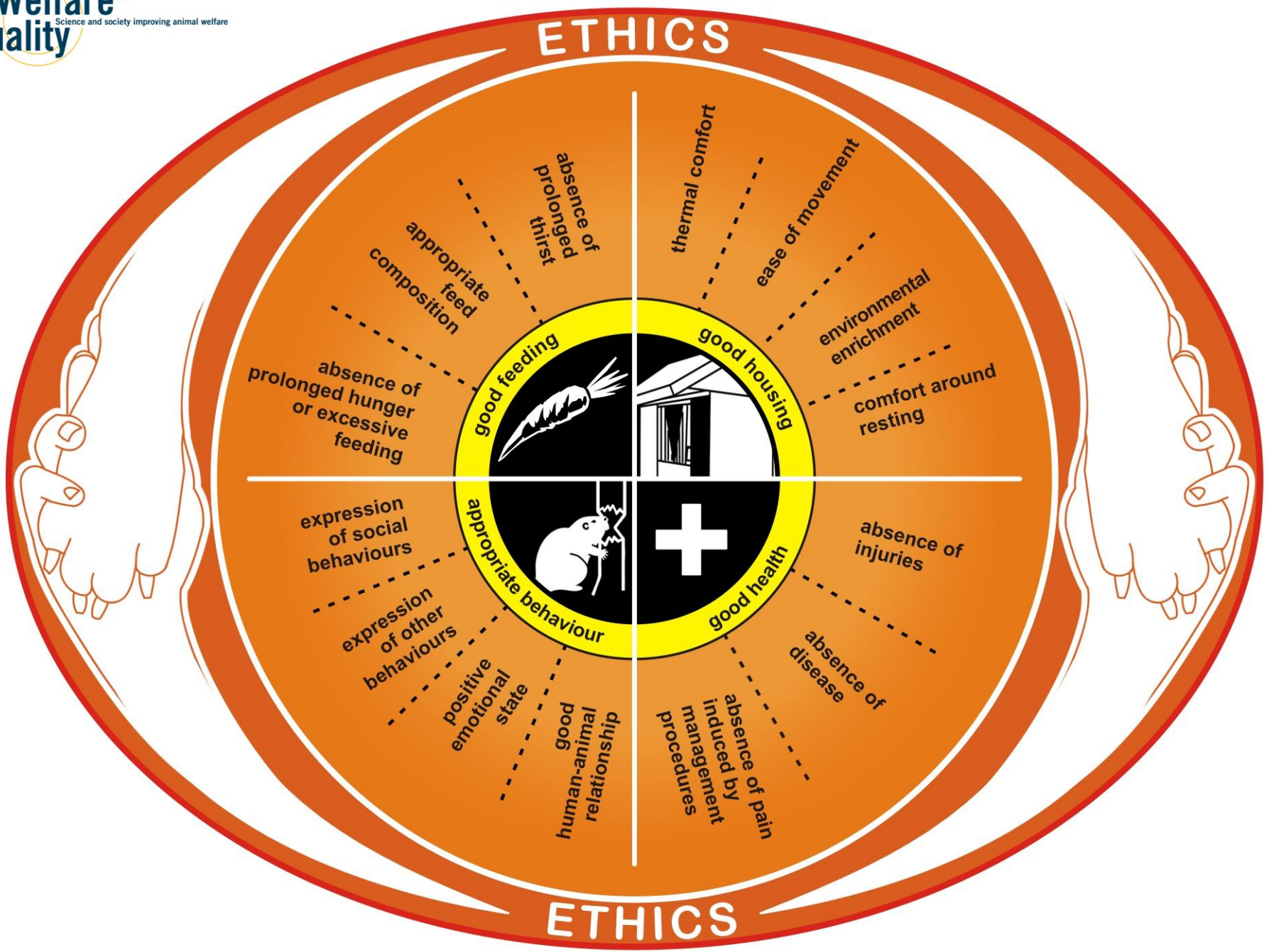
- Interactive web-based course



- Six modules, based on Welfare Quality<sup>®</sup> principles and animal ethics



- Examples for farm, companion and laboratory animals





# Different types of learning objects



- Orientation
- Dilemma's and cases
- Information/theory
- Diagnostic review
- Sources & internetlinks

[www.groenkennisnet.nl/dierenwelzijnsweb/cursus-dierenwelzijn](http://www.groenkennisnet.nl/dierenwelzijnsweb/cursus-dierenwelzijn)



- Coordinating school, being the driving force behind the activities of the Animal Welfare Web and the national animal welfare education team
- Improving the quality of animal welfare education at various levels, including vocational and professional education
- Organization of seminars and one day events together with professional experts, innovative entrepreneurs, lecturers and students to raise awareness on animal welfare and societal issues





# THANK YOU!

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