

## Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission Report - March 2008

### GENERAL DEFINITIONS

#### Animal Welfare

means the state of animal as regards its attempts to cope with its environment and includes both the extent of failure to cope and the ease or difficulty in coping;

means how an animal is coping with the circumstances conditions in which it lives. An animal is in a good state of welfare if (as indicated by scientific evidence) it is healthy, comfortable, well nourished, safe, able to express innate behavior, able to have normal social contact with others of the same species, and if it is not suffering from unpleasant states such as pain, fear, and distress. Good animal welfare requires disease prevention and veterinary treatment, proper housing, appropriate shelter, management, nutrition, humane handling and humane slaughter/killing. By scientific convention, "a 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.