Standards relating to the Care and Keeping of Industrial Animals

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Part I. General Principles

The Manager and Caretaker shall understand the physiology, ecology, habits, etc. of an Industrial Animal and secure appropriate feeding and watering, necessary health management, and an environment that gives consideration to the kind and habits, etc. of the animal within the extent that does not impede the attainment of the purpose of providing it for use in industry, etc., and shall endeavor to prevent the Industrial Animal from causing an infringement on the life, body or property of humans or from fouling or damaging the living environment of humans, by keeping the Industrial Animal responsibly.

Part II. Definitions

In these Standards, the meanings of the terms set forth in the following items shall be as prescribed respectively in those items:

(1) Industrial Animal—An animal categorized as a mammal or bird cared for or kept for use in industry, etc.

(2) Facility—A facility for caring for or keeping Industrial Animals

- (3) Manager—A person who manages the Industrial Animals and the Facility
- (4) Caretaker: A person who cares for or keeps Industrial Animals

Part III. Hygiene Management and Safety Maintenance of Industrial Animals

1. In order to properly care for or keep the Industrial Animal, the Manager and Caretaker shall endeavor to acquire knowledge and techniques concerning hygiene management and safety maintenance of the Industrial Animal.

2. When caring for or keeping the Industrial Animal, the Manager shall endeavor to establish necessary facilities for the hygiene management and safety maintenance as needed.

3. The Manager and Caretaker shall make endeavors in routine hygiene management for the disease prevention and parasite control of the Industrial Animal, and when the Industrial Animal develops a disease or is injured, they shall promptly take appropriate measures and make endeavors in the hygiene management and safety maintenance of the Industrial Animal.

4. When using the Industrial Animal for work, etc., the Manager and Caretaker shall make endeavors in the safety maintenance of the Industrial Animal and prevent cruelty toward the Industrial Animal.

5. The Manager and Caretaker shall make endeavors in the care and keeping that

give consideration to the comfort of the Industrial Animal cared for or kept, according to the kind of the animal.

Part IV. Considerations in Introduction and Transport

1. The Manager shall endeavor to introduce an Industrial Animal by taking into consideration the location, status of development and the caretaking ability of the Facility.

2. When introducing an Industrial Animal into the Facility, the Manager shall endeavor to conduct an appropriate hygiene inspection as needed.

3. A person who transports an Industrial Animal shall, upon the transport, make endeavors in the hygiene management and safety maintenance of the Industrial Animal and endeavor to prevent the Industrial Animal from causing an accident.

Part V. Prevention of Harm

1. The Manager shall endeavor to carry out necessary health management with regard to the health of the Manager and Caretaker in order to prevent the development of disease originating from the Industrial Animal.

2. The Manager and Caretaker shall give consideration so that the Industrial Animal will not escape from the Facility.

3. When an extraordinary disaster, such as an earthquake or a fire, occurs, the Manager shall promptly protect the Industrial Animal and endeavor to prevent the Industrial Animal from causing an accident.

Part VI. Preservation of the Living Environment

The Manager and Caretaker shall endeavor to preserve the living environment by such measures as appropriately disposing of the excrement of the Industrial Animal and preventing noise from the Industrial Animal.

Part VII. Auxiliary Provisions

The Manager and Caretaker shall endeavor to comply with the purport of these Standards also when providing an animal other than one categorized as a mammal or bird for use in industry, etc.