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What is the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals?

Purpose

- Prevention of animal cruelty
- Proper care and keeping of animals
- Prevention of harm caused by animals
- Animals targeted by the Act : All animals kept by people

By preventing cruelty to and ensuring the welfare of animals, the Act aims to create a spiritually rich society that values life, not only to encourage the proper care of animals simply by showing them affection, but also to prevent the harm and nuisance which animals can cause to people.



Outline

a. Fundamental principle

Recognizing that animals are living beings, no person shall kill, injure, or inflict cruelty on animals unnecessarily, and when keeping animals, every person shall fully understand their habits and give them proper care so that people and animals can live together.

b. Guidelines for the proper handling of animals

The Act establishes guidelines for the proper handling of animals for each of the following animal categories: household animals, animals for exhibition, industrial animals, and laboratory animals. Furthermore, the Act states that, when killing animals, methods that minimize their suffering must be used whenever possible.

Animals at home*	Animals kept as household pets or kept in schools
Animals for exhibition*	Animals kept for the purposes of exhibition or interaction with people (e.g., animals in zoos, petting zoos, pet shops, breeding businesses, animal talent agencies, etc.)
Industrial animals*	Animals kept for industrial purposes (e.g., cattle, chickens, etc.)
Laboratory animals*	Animals kept at laboratories and other such facilities for scientific purposes

*Applies to mammals, birds, and reptiles