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Presentation Outline

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Presentation Objective

“To provide a policy and regulatory perspective on animal welfare, with particular reference to experience gained in New Zealand and with the OIE”
OIE Animal Welfare Definition (Policy)

“Animal welfare is a complex international public policy issue, with important scientific, ethical, economic, cultural, religious and political dimensions and which also raises important international trade policy issues”.
OIE Animal Welfare Definition (Scientific)

“means how an animal is coping with the 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 behaviour, and if it is not suffering from unpleasant states such as pain, fear, and distress. Good animal welfare requires disease prevention and veterinary treatment, appropriate shelter, management, nutrition, humane handling and humane slaughter/killing. 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”.
AW Change Management

• Incremental change
• Evolution not revolution
• Journey not destination
• Continuous improvement
• Importance of “ownership and buy-in”
The Players/Stakeholders at the National Level

Animal Welfare policy & practice in New Zealand

- National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC)
- Minister of Agriculture
- National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC)
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
- NZ Veterinary Association
- Royal NZ SPCA
- NZ Food Safety Authority (NZFSA)
- Animals in Schools Education Trust (AISET)
- Animal Welfare Science and Bioethics Centre
- Animal Behaviour and Welfare Research Centre (ABWRC)
- Producer Boards and Industry Organisations
- Federated Farmers
- Foundation for Research Science and Technology (FRST)
- Australian and NZ Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Testing (ANZCCART)
The Players/Stakeholders at the International Level

- **Elected Governments and Individual Politicians**
- **International Industry Organisations**
  - IDF
  - IMS
  - IEC
  - IPC
  - IATA
- **International Governmental Organisations**
  - OIE
  - FAO
  - WTO
  - WBG/IFC
  - OECD
- **International AW NGOs**
  - WSPA
  - IFAW
  - HSI
  - CIWF
  - ICFAW
- **International AW Science Organisations**
  - ISAE
  - ICLAS
- **International Producer Organisations**
  - IFAP
- **International Veterinary Organisations**
  - WVA
  - IACLAM
- **Retailers and Food Marketers**
- **Civil Society**

“To meet the expectations of society for the humane treatment of animals”
Animal Welfare Leadership – The OIE

- Inter-governmental Organisation (175 members) & Mandate
- Paris Headquarters, Regional and Sub Regional Offices, Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres
- Commissions, Working Groups, Ad-Hoc Groups
- OIE Strategic Plans
Animal Welfare Leadership –
The OIE

- Two Global Animal Welfare Conferences
- Six Adopted Standards
- Four Current *Ad-Hoc* Groups
- Commitment to Consultation, Communication and Collaboration with Non-Veterinary Specialists
- September Dean’s Conference
Animal Welfare Leadership – The Veterinary Profession

- National Veterinary Associations
- Regional Veterinary Associations
- World Veterinary Association
- Veterinary Deans
- Post-Graduate Initiatives
- All Veterinary Graduates and Undergraduates
- World Veterinary Year 2011
Concluding Comments

- Societal Expectations/Student Expectations
- Public Policy Complexity
- Animal Welfare Science & Bioethical Analysis
- Veterinary Oath or Equivalent
- “Contribution to Food Safety, Food Security and a Safer (and more compassionate) World”
Thank you for your attention