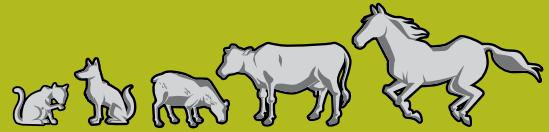


NEED TO DO:





Animal Issues & Protection

Animal welfare is a term usually used to describe the well being of animals. However, it can also refer to the issues involved in making decisions about how animals are cared for and raised. Although there are laws and codes that require and recommend a minimum level of care for animals, some people believe that these are not enough.



Check back to the work you did in the Introduction to this course. What issues and societal trends did you identify?

Consider what you know and believe about animal welfare as you respond to the questions and complete that tasks that follow. Use the  Need to Know resources and  Weblinks found on the *Virtual Apprentice 2020* website at www.ctsanimals.ca/va2020, under the Societal Responsibilities guiding concept, or do your own Internet research using search terms such as:

- Current Canada animal welfare issues
- Animal care issues Canada.

Animal Welfare Issues

What are some current animal welfare and care issues you identified in your Internet search? Make a jot list below.

What is a current animal welfare issue that interests you? Why does it interest you?

Animal welfare issues can raise questions around the use of animals in settings other than farms, stables or homes. Animals can also be used for transportation, recreation and entertainment. All of our interactions with animals can result in ethical dilemmas and questions. Reflect on and respond to the two questions below:

- How do you think a vegetarian would feel about an animal welfare issue connected to raising animals for food? Why do you think this?
- How do you think a farmer or rancher who raises livestock with care would feel about this type of animal welfare issue? Why do you think this?

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Animal Protection Law

All Canadian provinces and territories have animal protection laws. These laws deal with animal welfare issues and animal protection. The federal government deals with animal protection through the *Criminal Code*, the *Health of Animals Act*, and the *Meat Inspection Act*. Provincial or territorial laws include specific standards of care that animal owners must follow while the *Criminal Code* does not. In Alberta, the *Animal Protection Act* protects animals in distress.

Best Practices

While not law, the Codes of Practice are nationally developed, voluntary guidelines that provide requirements from current legislation and recommendations for best practice in the care and handling of farm animals. Examples from different Codes of Practice are referenced on many of the Need to Know cards on the *Virtual Apprentice 2020* website. The Codes provide specific information about requirements, expectations and standards for the care of farm animals.

Similar to the Codes of Practice for farm animals, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association produces Codes of Practice for dog kennels and catteries. Examples from these Codes are also referenced on many Need to Know cards.

Codes of Practice are updated at various times. For example, the Horse Code of Practice is being updated and is expected to be released in 2013. A survey will be used to gather input from horse owners. Why do you think a survey is used before development of a new Code is started?

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Why do you think it is important for an animal owner to know and understand both animal protection legislation and Codes of Practice?

How do you think the Codes of Practice differ from legislation in the way both may affect the decisions and behaviours of animal owners? Use the animal welfare issue you identified, or select a topic related to animal care. Find out how this issue or topic is dealt with in animal welfare legislation and in a Code of Practice. How are they similar? How are they different? Use a Triple T-Chart, labeled with the headings below, to make these comparisons. A blank Triple T-Chart template is provided on the *Virtual Apprentice 2020* website.

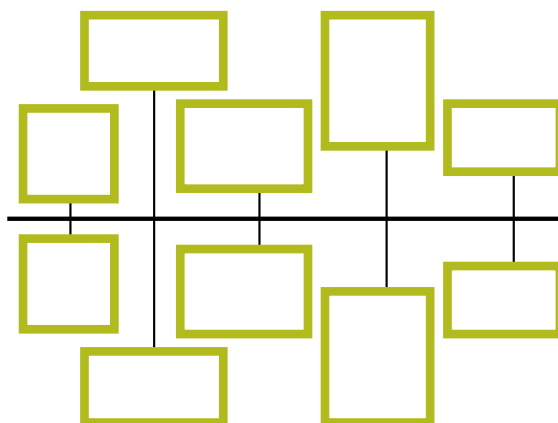
An Animal Welfare Issue	What Animal Welfare Legislation Says	What a Code of Practice Says

Explore a Case

Find an example of an animal neglect or abuse case on the Alberta SPCA website at www.albertaspca.org/neglect-abuse/updates.html or www.albertaspca.org/neglect-abuse/prohibitions.html.

Use a Timeline to identify the sequence of events involved in one of the case examples on this link. A blank Timeline template is provided on the *Virtual Apprentice 2020* website.

- Describe each event in the case in time order using the boxes on the Timeline. Number each box to show the sequence of events and add additional boxes to the Timeline if necessary.
- Add photographs from the case link or illustrations that you create yourself.



Compare the sequence of events in this case to the steps described in the "Anatomy of an Investigation" link on the Alberta SPCA website at www.albertaspca.org/neglect-abuse/investigating/anatomy-investigation.html. Create a bulleted list of the main steps involved in reporting a case of animal abuse. Add this bulleted list to your portfolio.