

Global Standards of Animal Welfare in Veterinary Education



Draft criteria for welfare standards veterinary schools

We are working with the veterinary profession to develop standards of excellence in veterinary education institutions.

1. Senior team commitment to animal welfare

The mission and vision of the School demonstrate commitment to Animal welfare and the senior team create a culture of animal welfare throughout the school.

2. Effective ethics committee

An independent ethics committee reviews research and teaching to ensure the humane use of animals.

3. Humane use of animals

The use of animals in teaching and research is humane. Harmful use of live animals is replaced by use of videos, models and software, and ethically sourced cadavers. Animal facilities, housing and care offer school animals a good quality of life.

4. Animal welfare is taught across the curriculum

The principles of animal welfare are taught to all students and can be identified throughout the curriculum.

5. Continuous Professional Development

The school sponsors, supports, or conducts Animal welfare education and training for their staff and practicing vets.

6. Faculty shows competency in animal welfare.

All Faculty staff (lecturers, animal handlers, post-grad students, administrative staff) show competency in Animal welfare as identified by the OIE day 1 competencies.

7. Student involvement

There is active involvement of students in animal welfare in the school.

8. Extension / community programmes

The school is involved with the community to enhance the welfare of animals in the community.

9. Research in animal welfare

The school offers research opportunities in animal welfare science with a competent supervisor.

10. Effective Quality Assurance of animal welfare across all provision

There is effective monitoring and evaluation of animal welfare throughout the school.

We are developing guidelines to help vet schools use these standards: education@worldanimalprotection.org