



Positive Welfare Indicators for On-Farm Welfare Assessment

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There is growing evidence that good welfare is more than just the absence of states of suffering. Whereas most approaches to welfare assessment are based on indicators of reduced welfare, it seems promising to put more emphasis on indicators of good welfare in the future. To date, little effort has gone into the study of animal pleasure or in developing measures of pleasure in animals. Currently, there is no clear or agreed consensus within the literature on what positive welfare should entail or what makes a valid or reliable indicator of positive animal welfare.

The aim of this Special Issue is to present recent research and reviews on meaningful and practical positive welfare indicators for on-farm welfare assessment, such as affiliative behaviour, maternal care, play activity, as well as some blood parameters, e.g. dopamine, oxytocin and serotonin, to help animals to have lives worth living.





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