

RSPCA FIVE FREEDOMS

Factsheet – The five welfare needs The Animal Welfare Act 2006 requires anyone who owns or looks after an animal to provide everything that the animal needs to be happy and healthy.

These needs can be described as:

1. A suitable place to live Animals should have the right type of home, including shelter, enough space, and somewhere comfortable to rest and hide.
2. A healthy diet Animals should have access to fresh, clean water all the time and should be given the right type and amount of food to keep them fit and healthy.
3. The ability to behave normally Animals should have enough space and the right kind of facilities to allow them to behave normally.
4. The company he or she needs Animals should be given appropriate company. Some animals should have company and some should be kept on their own.
5. To stay healthy Animals should be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease and should be treated by a vet if sick or injured.