

CASE

*Curriculum for Agricultural
Science Education*

Principles of Agricultural Science – Animal

Welfarist or Rightist?

Unit 3 – Lesson 3.1 Animal Rights or
Animal Wrongs?

Value Defined



1. Relative worth, merit, or importance: *the value of a college education*
2. Monetary or material worth, as in commerce or trade
3. Import or meaning; force; significance: *the value of a word*

Value Defined Continued



4. Liking or affection; favorable regard
5. The ideals, customs, institutions, etc., of a society toward which the people of the group have an affective regard

Discussion Point



- Would you rather receive a puppy or a spider for as a Christmas gift?
- Why?
- How do personal values affect your opinion?

Philosophies



Animal Welfare:

A philosophy that animals should be treated in a kind and caring manner.

Discussion Point

- You take a field trip to a local farm. There are market hogs on feed, cattle grazing in a small pasture, and two herding dogs in a kennel.
- What might an animal welfarist feel about this scene?

Philosophies



Animal Rights:

A philosophy that animals have the same rights as humans and that they should not be used for human consumption.

Discussion Point

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- What might an animal rightist feel about this scene?

Another Approach – Dominion



- Absolute: people can do whatever they want to animals, humans are the only species with rights.
- Utilitarian: animals have rights, but human needs for food, clothing and research outweigh those rights.
- Abolitionist: animals have similar rights as humans.

Abuse and Cruelty

Abuse:

- To use wrongly or improperly
- To treat in a harmful, injurious, or offensive way

Cruelty:

- The state or quality of being cruel

Discussion Point



- As a producer of animals, how can you prevent misconceptions pertaining to animal agriculture?
- What should you do when you see animal abuse?

Discussion Point

- Is there such thing as a correct philosophy?

RIGHTS?

WELFARE?

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