One Welfare Videos

Possible questions for in-class discussion, tutorial worksheets or short papers

Five Freedoms – Prof John Webster, University of Bristol

1. In your own words explain what the Five Freedoms (1993) involve and how each of these freedoms can be met. Do you agree with Prof Webster that they are comprehensive and practical? Why/why not?
2. Compare and contrast the Five Freedoms and the Four Welfare Principles. Which is the superior approach? Give reasons for your position.
3. According to Prof Webster, what are the two most serious problems with the Five Freedoms? Do you think these can be overcome within this framework or are different approaches required?
4. What is Prof Webster's most significant criticism of factory farming? Do you agree with his point? Are there ways of structuring contemporary farming which might address this problem?

Five Domains – Prof Kevin Stafford, Massey University

1. What advantages and disadvantages does Prof Stafford attribute to the Five Freedoms? Do you agree with his assessment? Why/why not?
2. In your own words, briefly explain the idea of the Five Domains. Do you think it overcomes shortcomings with the Five Freedoms?
3. What does Prof Stafford like about the Five Domains? Does this really distinguish the theory from the Five Freedoms? Give reasons for your view.

General Questions

1. Compare and contrast the Five Freedoms and the Five Domains. Which do you think is the best framework for assessing animal welfare and why?
2. Are the Five Freedoms and the Five Domains only relevant to production animal welfare? Can you think of other contexts in which they might they relevant? Are there animal welfare contexts in which some of the Freedoms or Domains would be of no assistance at all?
3. Nominate and explain an animal welfare issue that is of concern to you. Explain how the Five Freedoms and the Five Domains can be used to describe and address this problem. Which framework provides the most help in thinking through the issue?