The welfare of an animal includes its physical and mental state and we consider that good animal welfare implies both fitness and a sense of well-being. Any animal kept by man, must at least, be protected from unnecessary suffering.

1. **FREEDOM FROM HUNGER AND THIRST**
   by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigor.

2. **FREEDOM FROM DISCOMFORT**
   by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.

3. **FREEDOM FROM PAIN, INJURY OR DISEASE**
   by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.

4. **FREEDOM TO EXPRESS NORMAL BEHAVIOR**
   by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal’s own kind.

5. **FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND DISTRESS**
   by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

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