

Animal Welfare Principles

The Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, (2012) has been enacted in Guernsey in order to help protect animals from cruelty and neglect. Such legislation places a duty of care on animal owners in order to ensure that they keep animals in accordance with the “five freedoms”:

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER AND THIRST by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.

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

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

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

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