

Animal welfare science in Nigeria; past, present and future outlooks



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INTRODUCTION

*Animal welfare is becoming an interesting global issue which must be given the best of attention by researchers, producers, consumers and the Governments. The need to ensure the general well being of wild and domestic animals in every aspects of their husbandry is mandatory now in many developed countries of the world and poultry industries are responding positively to this new dimension of husbandry.

*Species of animal are sensitive to the way they are being managed in terms of housing and other husbandry.

be expanded to include subjects of applied ethology, professional bodies and associations on animal welfare can be formed with international affiliations.

*All these may change the orientation of people and governments in developing countries positively towards animal welfare.

PAST AND PRESENT OUTLOOK OF ANIMAL WELFARE IN NIGERIA

*There is little or no concern on subjects of applied ethology in developing areas of the world such as Africa and Asia and particularly in country like Nigeria where livestock production and wildlife conservation is currently experiencing tremendous growth.

*Unlike developing countries, issues of animal welfare are being promoted by researches, sponsored information, legislation and enforcement by relevant agencies in developed nations of the world.

*Factors such as poor economic development, political instabilities, social insecurities, low level of awareness and lack of information on legal provisions on animal welfare have been identified to be responsible for poor animal welfare and its science in Nigeria (Alabi et al.,2011).

*Despite the fact that livestock sector carries the highest percentage among agricultural facets commercially in Nigeria, the level of welfare of the domestic and wild animals is still below standard.



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THE WAY FORWARD

*This paper is suggesting that even with the level of economic development in most of the low and middle income Nations, researchers can be motivated into Animal welfare science, the curricula of Colleges and Universities can