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Animal Care

Health Care and the 5 Freedoms

Task Outline

Produce an information sheet on a species of animals (dog/rabbit/goat/horse)

The information sheet should be no more than 2 A4 pages and needs to include pictures to make it attractive as well as informative. It should be aimed at the owner of the animal.

You should describe the care and husbandry requirements in relation to the five animal needs (see below)

The care sheet should include how these points relate to the five animal needs:

- Species and/or breed
- Life stage and sex
- Natural history
- Daily dietary needs
- Daily water needs
- Temperature and/or lighting needs (if specific)
- Ventilation needs
- Substrate or bedding needs
- Exercise/Enrichment needs (as necessary) - to include a regime over time i.e. amount and type of exercise per week.
- Frequency and mode of cleaning enclosure
- Frequency and list of routine health care treatments
- Legislation

5 FREEDOMS SET OUT BY DEFRA

The Animal Welfare Act 2006

1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full 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 Behaviour 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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