#### **Animal Welfare**

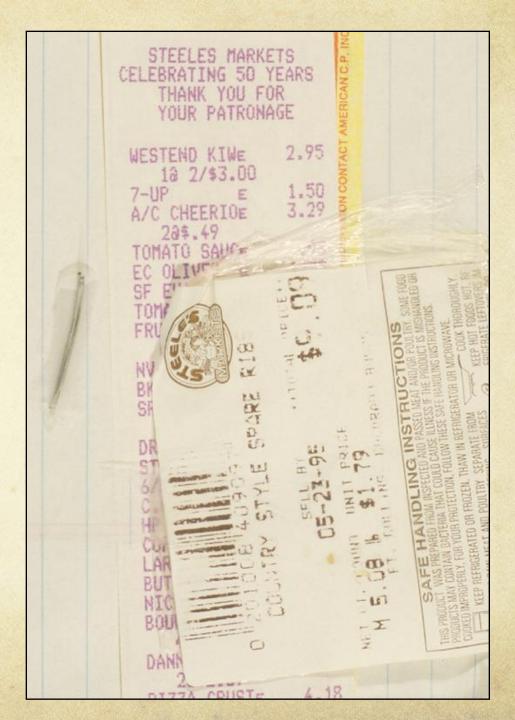
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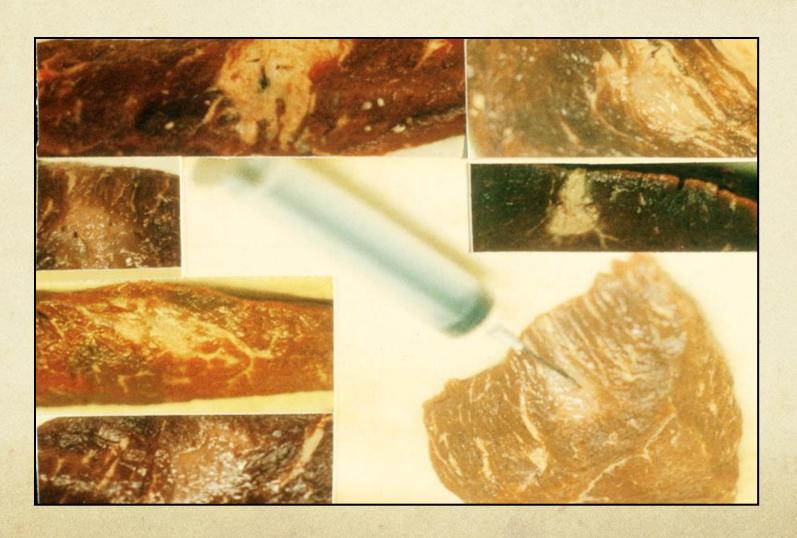
### Temple Grandin Department of Animal Sciences Colorado State University



If a needle breaks off in an animal, it may end up in a piece of meat at the grocery store



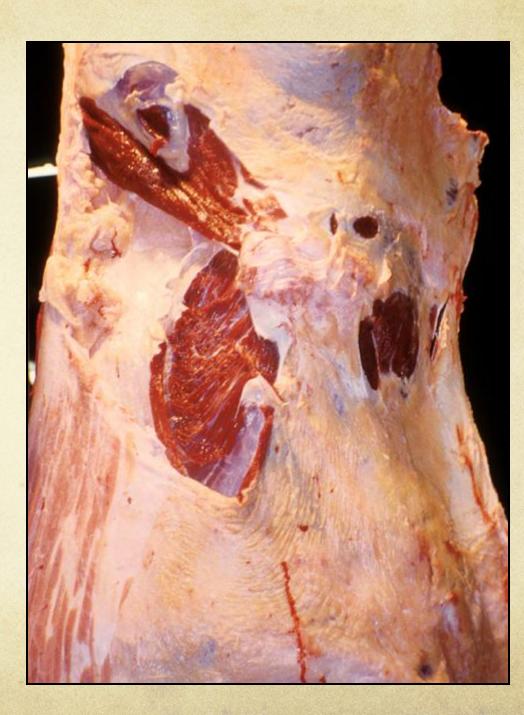
### Injections given to a calf will form scar tissue that will remain in the meat

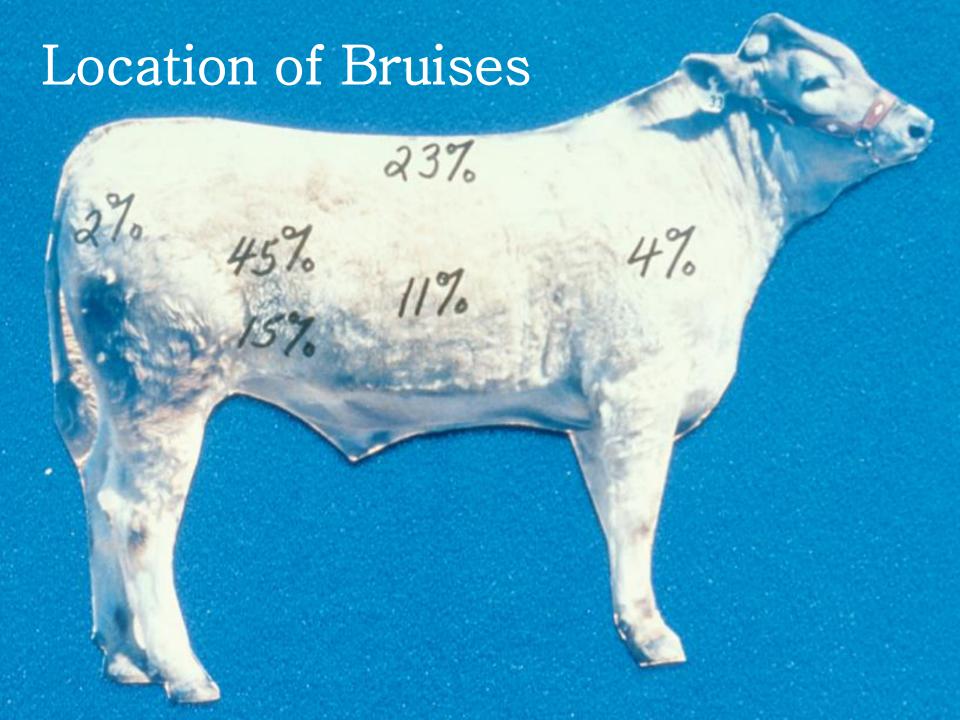




# Bruise on a Cow Carcass

Bruised meat must be cut out and cannot be used for human consumption



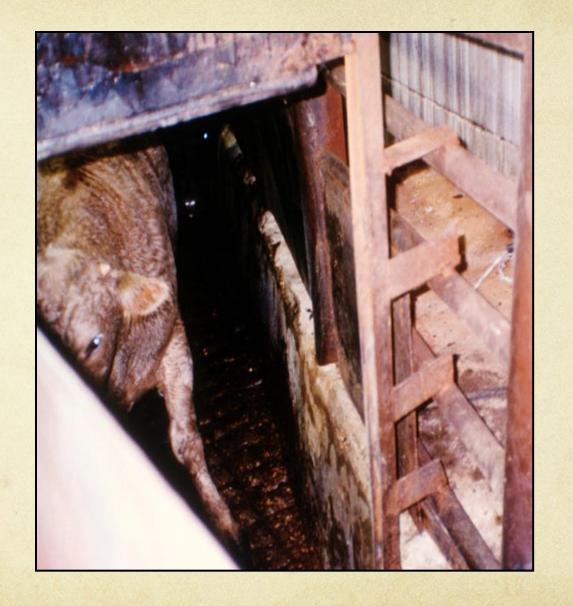




Rough handling doubles the amount of bruising



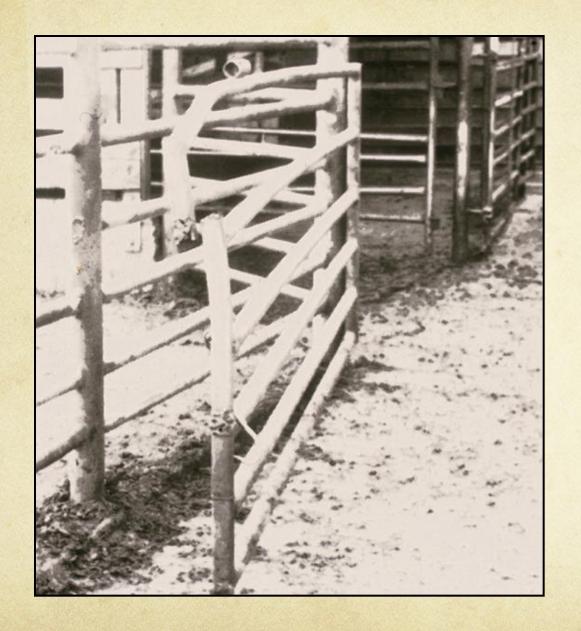
Protruding metal angle will cause severe bruises





Entire rear of trailer opens to prevent bruising during unloading



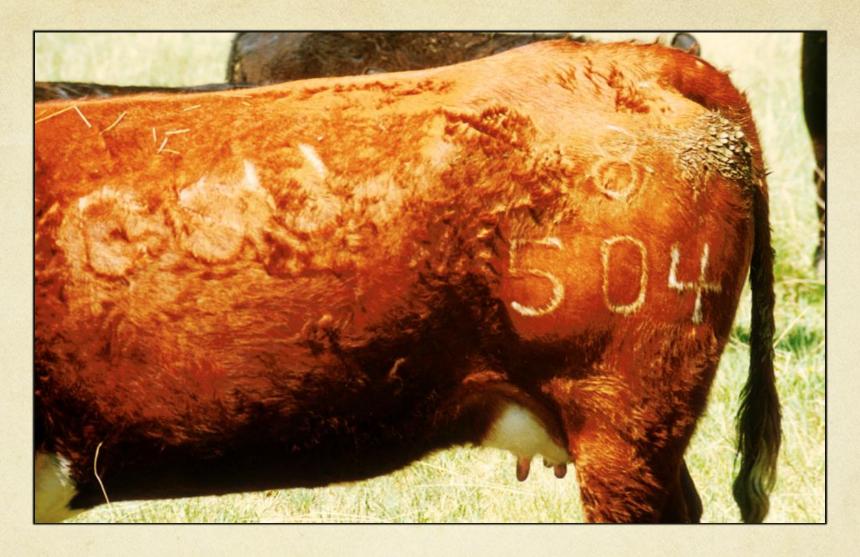


**Poorly** maintained facilities will increase bruising and injuries

# Cattle with no horns have less bruising



Hide damage caused by mud lice and grubs



Calves branded on the ribs will have extensive hide damage



# Holding People Accountable For Losses Will Reduce Bruises And Improve Meat Quality



### Increasing Concern About Animal Welfare Around The World

- Restaurant chains and grocery stores audit suppliers on both animal welfare and food safety.
   U.S. welfare audits of meat plants started in 1999
- The O.I.E. World Organization for Animal Health has animal welfare guidelines published in 2008 in The Terrestrial Animal Health Code
- Europe has increasing strict animal welfare regulations for farm animals
- Cargill and JBS-Swift both started video auditing over the internet in 2010

## OIE (2008) Codes Animal Welfare Cover Slaughter and Transport

- Electric prods should be battery operated only
- Electric prods should not be used on goats and sheep of any age or on calves and piglets
- Conscious animals should not be thrown, dropped, or dragged

# The Millennial Generation is More Concerned About Where Their Food Comes From

# Students today are getting further and further removed from Agriculture

31% have never been on a farm

Nicholas Widmar, 2013 Purdue University

# 50% of young adults in the UK failed to connect pigs with bacon

Credit: LEAF, 2012

#### Survey of 1,000 U.S. Consumers

Question

**Agree Disagree** 

Is housing pregnant 18% sows in crates humane?

64%

Oklahoma State Univ., 2007

# The Legal Rights of Animals are Changing

Many Universities
have courses in
Animal Rights Law.
The trend started
early 2000.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2002
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Is a Chimp a 'Person'
With a Legal Right
To a Lawyer in Court?

Prof. Tribe of Harvard Allies
Himself With the Friends
Of 1,500 Captive Primates

By DAVID BANK

In her dog's best interest: Patti Dalby says her Rottweiler Guinness should not be removed from his companion Rottweiler, Roxie. Dalby's former boyfriend says Guinness should move to his new home in Montana.

Courts across the country are being asked to treat pets as more than just property. Take Guinness, the Rottweiler at the center of a bitter custody dispute. What's best for him?

By Richard Willing USA TODAY

Brooks Brann and Patti Dalby, alas, are no longer a couple. But their dogs, Guinness and Roxie, are going strong, and therein lies the problem. Guinness and Roxie, a neutered male and a spayed female, live happily

in the backyard of the Newport Beach, Calif., home that their human companions shared until last year, when Brann moved to Montana. The Rottweilers, Dalby says, are gentle, playful and "absolutely devoted to one another" — the "model," she adds wistfully, for a

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committed relationship in any species.

So when a court meets in December to decide whether Brann can take Guinness, the case will seem more like a child custody dispute than a fight over property. In a procedure unheard of a few years ago but now increasingly common, Dalby will ask a judge to consider not just who has legal title to Guinness but where the dog would be better off living.

Guinness and Roxie are part of a growing mover could abandon centuries of precedent and treat pets poerty or livestock but as something akin to humans. Critics the could create chaos in the courts and send pet-care cost part of the courts are hit with a wave of malpractice suits.

Please see COVER STORY next page

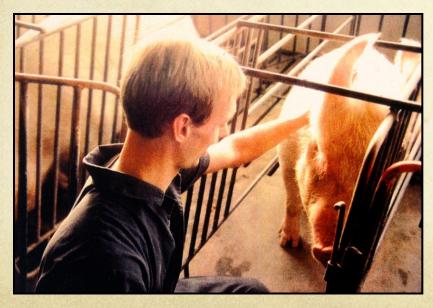
### **Animal Welfare Gallup Poll**

62% of the people in the United States believe that there should be strict laws protecting farm animals.

### Conversations with Airline Passengers about Animal Welfare

- One third had no opinion on sow gestation stalls.
- ✓ One third mildly opposed. "It does not seem right"... bothered by the sow not being able to turn around.
- One third very opposed to sow gestation stalls
- Most people stated that pigs housed in groups on a bare concrete slotted floor was acceptable.





# Sow gestation stall pictures used in survey

# Pig pictures used in survey





#### Survey of 1,000 U.S. Consumers

Question	Agree [	Disagree
Farmers and food companies	64%	21%
put their own profits ahead of		
treating animals humanely		
Farm animals raised on small	69%	13%
farms have a better life than		
those raised on corporate farms		

Oklahoma State Univ., 2007

#### Survey of 1,000 U.S. Consumers

Question	Agree	Disagree
Is housing pregnant sows in crates humane?	18%	64%

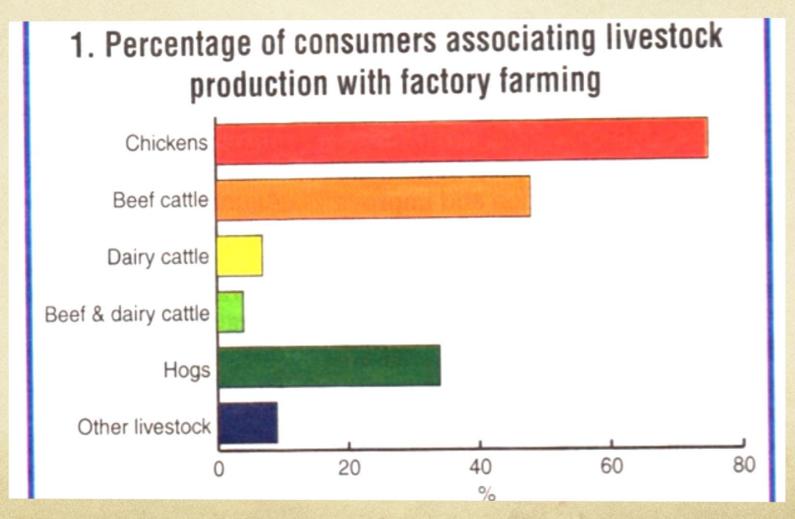
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### Texas A&M Study on Societal Attitudes on Animal Welfare Legislation

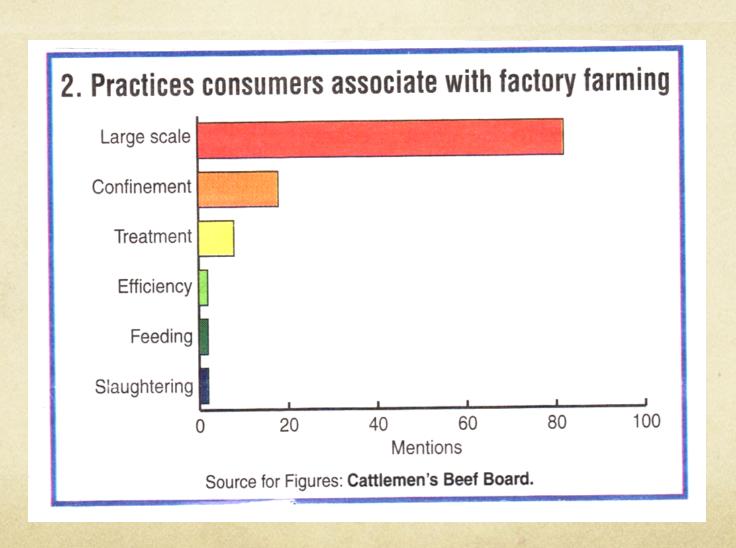
	Animal Activist		Livestock Producers
Veal Bill	94%	74%	53%
Downed Animal Act	93%	64%	48%
Poultry Slaughter Act	93%	50%	25%

General public attitudes are intermediate on support of animal welfare regulations

### 2009 Consumer Survey Cattlemen's Beef Board



#### 2009 Consumer Survey



### Ohio Survey 2007 Consumer Willing to Pay More

Local	72%
Humane	59%
Organic	51%
Fair Trade	57%

#### The Five Freedoms

- Freedom from hunger and thirst
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from pain, injury or disease
- Freedom to express normal behavior
- Freedom from fear or distress

## Four Guiding Principles of Animal Welfare

- Maintain basic health (science based)
- Prevent pain, fear, and distress (science based)
- Animals can perform natural behavior (science based)
- Live in natural elements (ethical issue)

### Health is Essential for Welfare but Health Alone is not Sufficient for Good **Animal Welfare**

## Organic and Natural Health Welfare Issues

- Poor producers may not treat sick animals that need antibiotics
- Poor managers may not be able to control lice or parasites
- Good managers select animals that are more hardy and less susceptible to disease and parasites
- O Good organic management of disease emphasizes prevention and not treatment

## **Chickens and Rats Self Medicate with Pain Killers**

- Artificially create an arthritic joint
- Provide two feeders or water bowls
  - One contains a bitter tasting pain killer and the other contains plain feed or water
- Animals choose the pain killer when the joint is inflamed and switch away from it as the joint heals

# Animal Based Outcome Measures of Welfare to Maintain Health and Prevent Pain, Fear, and Distress

- Lameness
- Body Condition
- Lesions
- Handling Scoring
- Bruises
- Death Losses and Sickness
- Coat Condition Organic

All items measured as a percentage of animals on the farm that are not in compliance

#### LAMENESS

#### 23% of U.S. dairy cows are lame\*

\* Lameness varies between dairy herds from 8 to 52%. Top 10% of dairies only 5% lame

(Espejo et al., J. Dairy Science, 2006; Nigel Cook 2003, University of Wisconsin)



# Scoring System for Animal Welfare Must be Simple Score the Worst Leg on Dairy Cows

- 1. No hock lesions
- 2. Hairless only
- 3. Swelling smaller than baseball
- 4. Swelling larger than baseball

#### Survey of 113 Freestall **Dairies for Swollen Hocks**

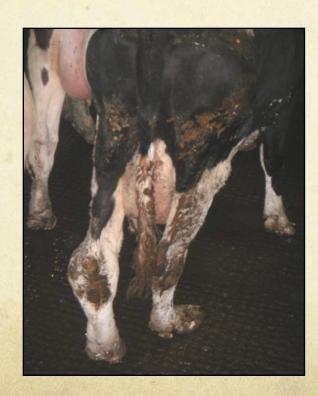
Best 20% of Farms

Worst 20% of

Farms

0%

9 to



24%



High Death Losses May Occur in Areas Where Dairy Bull Calves Have Little Economic Value

### The Single Most Important Issue is Having an Animal that is Fit for Transport



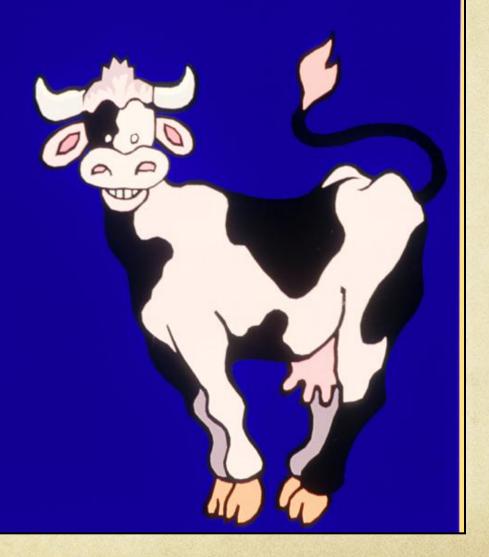
#### OIE (2008) Welfare Code Animals Unfit for Travel

- Sick, injured, weak, disabled or fatigued
- Unable to stand unaided or bear weight on each leg
- Blind in both eyes
- Cannot be moved without causing additional suffering
- Newborn with unhealed naval

#### OIE (2008) Welfare Codes Animals Unfit to Travel

- Females traveling without young which have given birth within previous 48 hours
- Pregnant animals in final 10% of gestation at unloading
- Those whose body condition would result in poor welfare because of expected climatic conditions (land only)
- Animals with unhealed wounds from recent surgical procedures such as dehorning (sea only)

Select Breeding Stock with Sound Feet and Legs.



### Pushing animals past their biological limits can cause major animal welfare problems



Dr. Michael Fox, HSUS

# Welfare Standards for Surgical Procedures Vary Greatly

- Some procedures are banned in some countries or programs. Examples: Tail docking cows and pigs
- Research studies clearly show that anesthetics and analgesics should be used for dehorning
- Do procedures at a young age

#### **Examples of Behavioral Needs**

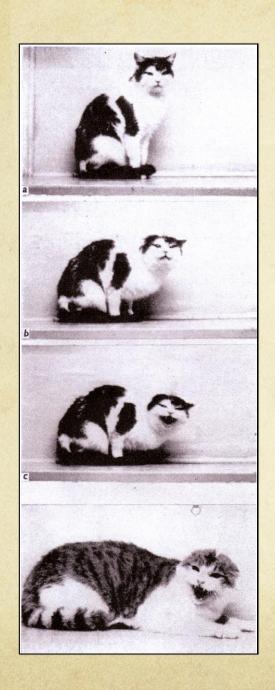
- Be able to turn around
- Roughage feed for ruminants
- Appetite drive problems in sows and broiler breeders genetically selected for rapid growth
- Instinctual hardwired behavioral needs such as a hen seeking a secluded nest box
- Straw or other material for animals to manipulate

## How to Measure the Motivation to Perform a Certain Behavior

- Number of times an animal will push a lever to get what it wants
- Amount of weight it will lift to open a door to get what it wants:
- The motivation of a hen to lay her egg in secluded nest box is equal to 30 hours off feed
  - The motivation to dust bath is much lower

# Core Emotions: Subcortical Brain Systems are the Driver's Behavior

- O Fear Amygdala
- Rage Hypothalamus
- Panic/Separation Anxiety –
   Periaqueductal area of brain stem
- Seeking Nucleus acumbens



Aggression and rage occur when the hypothalamus is electrically stimulated (Hess, 1957; Bard, 1928)

#### Gerbils and Hens Need

Hiding places to keep fear turned off

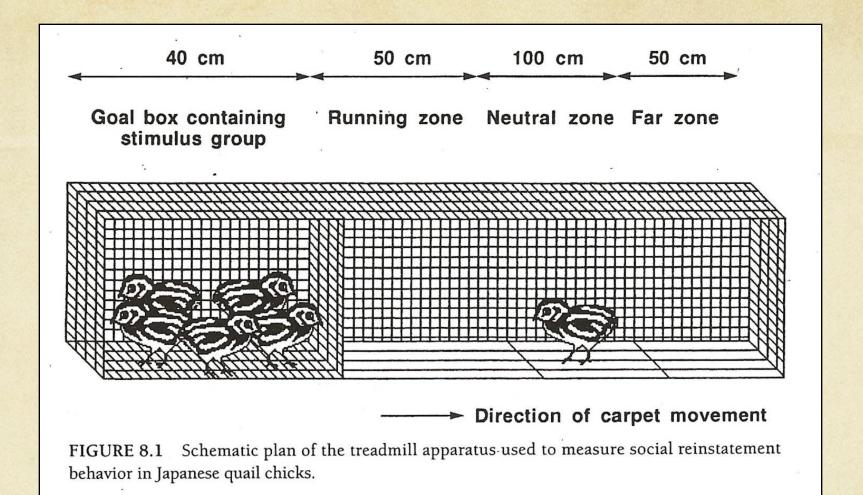




# J.M. Faure in France Studied Two Core Emotions That Have a Genetic Basis

- Fearfulness
- Panic Separation Anxiety

Faure called it Social Reinstatement



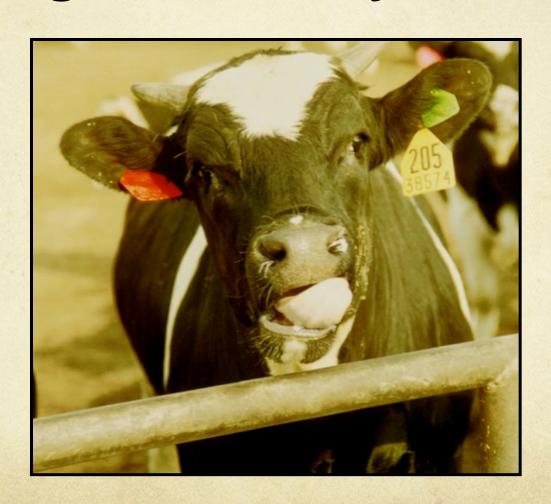
Apparatus for Measuring Strength of Separation Anxiety Emotion

### Four Separate Genetic Lines of Quail

High Fear, High Panic, Separation Anxiety (natural type)

- 2. High Fear, Low Panic
- 3. Low Fear, High Panic
- 4. Low Fear, Low Panic

# Tongue rolling in a Holstein steer genetics may be a factor





Animals in a barren environment often perform stereotypies such as pacing

# Housing For Sows:

Two Animal Welfare Issues



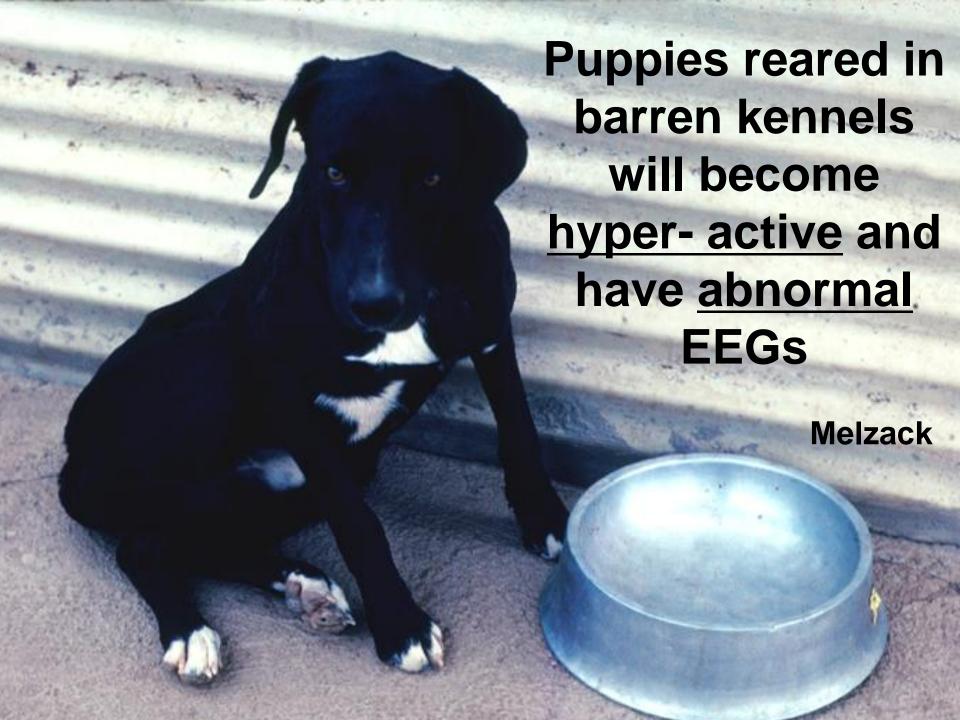
- 1. Restriction of movement
- 2. Lack of roughages to manipulate and eat



Bar biting in a sow

### Providing roughages to eat will reduce abnormal behavior







Rats reared in barren cages required more anesthetic than rats reared in cages with many objects to manipulate

Dept. of Psychology University of Illinois



### Pig prefer soft objects to chew on. Measured with switches connected to a counter



Grandin, 1989

### **Environmental Enrichment Reduces Fearfulness and Startle Response in Piglets**

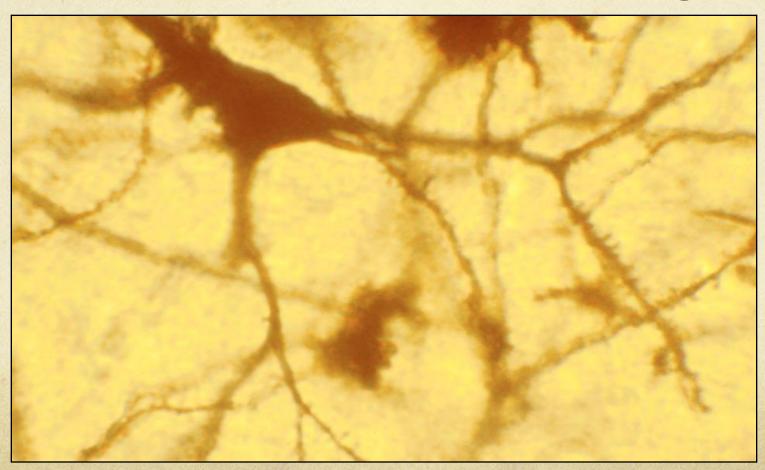
#### **Excitability Ratings by Observer Blind to Treatment**

Control	Daily Petting	Cloth Strips	Both
3.85	2.0	2.85	1.17

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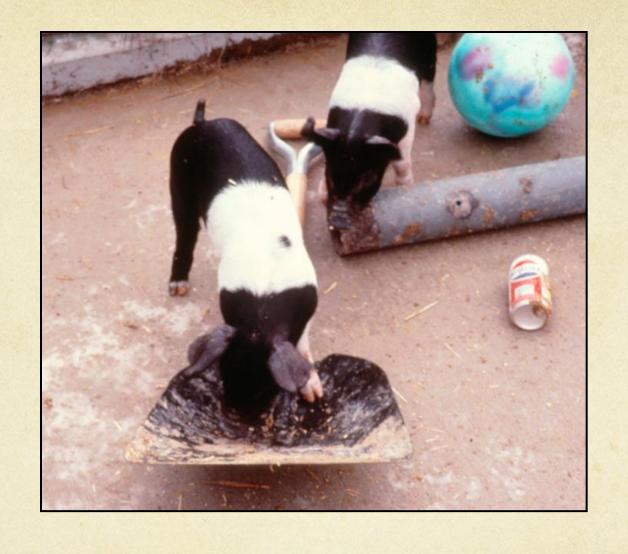
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# Piglets raised in barren pens grew abnormal dendrites in their somato sensory cortex because they rubbed their noses in the middle of the night



## Pigs raised in barren pens were more excitable and startled more easily





Pigs reared in enriched pens were calmer

### Providing Natural Elements – Pigs Reared Outside Spend Hours Rooting and Chewing





Pigs housed on straw

# Living outside is nice during fair weather



# In the winter time the pigs may have better welfare inside a building



#### **Nature is Harsh**



## A modern slaughter would be preferable to being eaten alive by a predator



#### Does a pig need a mud hole?



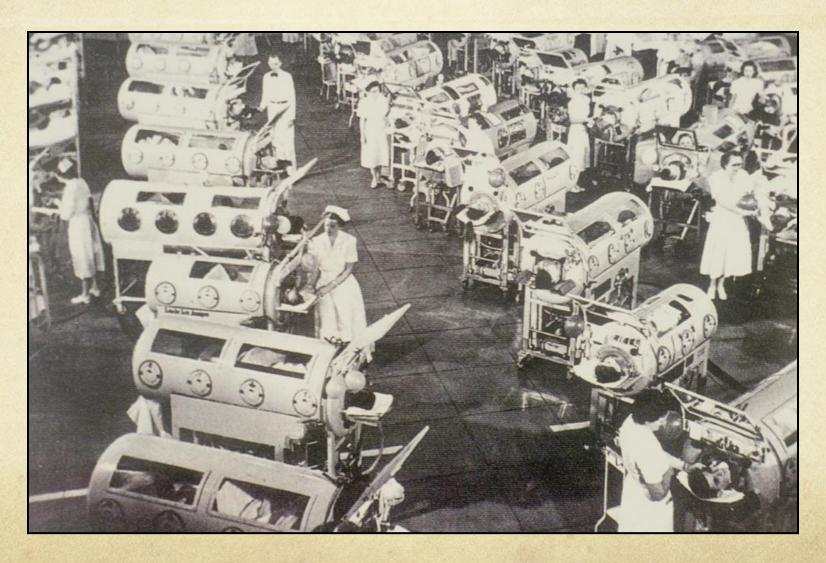
- Science provides data to help people make good ethical decisions
- Ethics is especially important with animals of little economic value
- Some ethical decisions cannot be based on science

# Forever? With Cloning, Kitty



Ushering in pet cloning are donor, Rainbow, left, and offspring, cc.

### What Are These????



### www.grandin.com