

Identifying methodologies to assess positive animal welfare



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POSITIVE WELFARE

In science, and society at large, there is a growing interest in positive experiences for animals. However, there is little agreement on how to define or assess positive animal welfare scientifically.

COST Action LIFT

COST Action LIFT (CA21124) is a research network which aims to provide the scientific background for including positive welfare in farm animal welfare assessments, through cross-discipline knowledge sharing, training and collaboration.

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OUR APPROACH

- Interdisciplinary working groups, incl. researchers in animal science, neuroscience and social science
- Networking meetings, to discuss and write review papers
- Training schools to teach methods related to positive animal welfare to young researchers
- Short-term Scientific Missions, to increase research collaboration across countries
- 3 working groups, to define key concepts of positive animal welfare (WG1), identify valid methodologies to assess it (WG2), and devise potential on-farm indicators (WG3)

TOPICS

- Cumulative welfare
- Choice and agency
- Low arousal positive states
- Affect balance
- Circadian rhythms
- Play behaviour
- Cognition
- Neurobiology

**Working
group 2**
214
researchers
involved



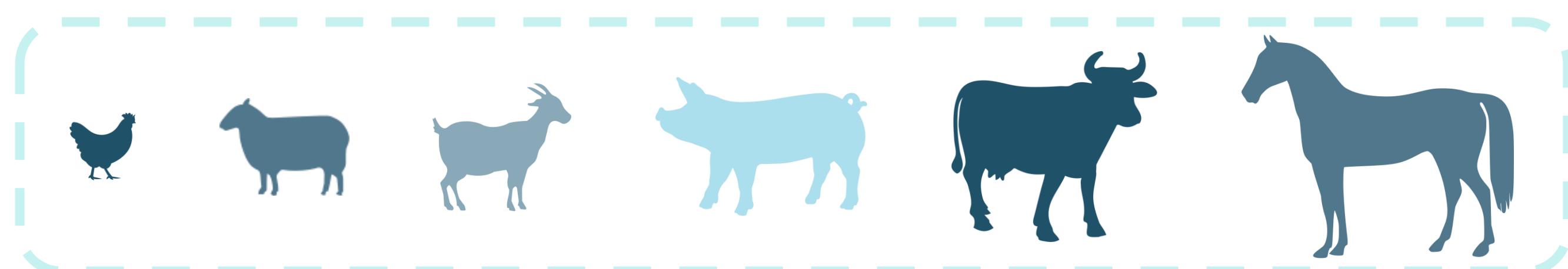
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OUTPUTS

- Review papers
- International research forum
- Catalogue of methodologies
- Guide for good research practice



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