

# Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW)

## Assignments (July 2024 & January 2025 Sessions)



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**Dear Learner,**

You will have to do one assignment with five questions for each course. Each assignment carries 100 marks with 30% weightage in the final assessment. Irrespective of the year and session of the registration you need to submit the latest assignments uploaded on the website.

**Instructions**

- 1) Please write the following details on the first page of each assignment:
  - Name & Full Address:
  - Enrolment No.:
  - Admission Session:
  - Course Code:
  - Course Title:
  - Regional Centre:
- 2) Use A-4 size plain / ruled paper for your responses. Write on both the sides with margin and tie / staple all the pages carefully - course wise.
- 3) Write the question number with each answer.
- 4) You should write in your **own handwriting** and **only handwritten assignments are evaluated**.
- 5) Last date for submitting the assignments for July 2024 Session is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2025** and for January 2025 Session is **30<sup>th</sup> September 2025** (Check University website for date extension, if any).
- 6) Speed post the assignments to:
 

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Keep a scan copy of assignments with you until the marks are reflected in your grade card.

**Guidelines**

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the self learning material / web references on which they are based. Make points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be a little more selective and analytical. Give attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your response to the question.
- 3) **Make sure that your answer:**
  - a) is around 600 to 800 words for each question.
  - b) is logical, coherent and has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs.
  - c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- 4) **Presentations:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.
- 5) **Please contact the Programme Coordinator for any academic help / clarification:**

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**ASSIGNMENT - 1**  
**Animal Welfare Science and Ethics**

**Course Code: MAW-001**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks:**

1. What do you understand by animal welfare indicators? Critically differentiate between resource, management and animal based measures to assess animal welfare with examples.
2. What are the advantages of living in a social group? Discuss how abnormal social environments affect welfare of animals and ways to minimize them.
3. Why is sentience important in animal welfare? Discuss the behavioural studies that have been used as supporting evidence for animal sentience.
4. Discuss how fear and distress affects animal welfare with scientific rationality.
5. Why is animal behaviour one of the key attributes in welfare assessment protocols? Discuss different abnormal behaviour forms with examples.

**ASSIGNMENT - 2**  
**Animal Welfare Issues**

**Course Code: MAW-002**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks**

1. What are the functions of modern zoo? Discuss any four major welfare issues in zoo animals with examples.
2. How do you classify the working animals based on their roles? Discuss the interrelationship between physical, mental and naturalness states of working animals in relation to their welfare.
3. Identify specific welfare issues in sheep and goat farming. Discuss any two issues with (a) welfare concern and (b) alternatives to improve welfare.
4. Discuss different poultry farming systems and related five freedoms with implications to welfare of poultry birds.
5. Browse the internet on Railways 'Plan Bee' to mitigate collisions between elephants and rains. Write your search results on (a) What is Plan Bee? (b) The Need for Plan Bee (c) How the Idea Emerged? and (d) Plan Bee Outcome(s).

**ASSIGNMENT - 3**  
**Animal Welfare Laws, Policies and Organizations**

**Course Code: MAW-003**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks**

1. Discuss the salient features of Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009.
2. What are the powers of police officers and other authorized persons under the draught and pack animals rules? Explain the provisions made in the rules related to maximum load permissible for the draught and pack animals.
3. Search the literature available in the internet on Transport Rules of dogs and cats in at least two countries. Compare them with the transport rules of dogs and cats in India and write your observations.
4. Discuss the guidelines for the reuse and rehabilitation of laboratory animals and dogs.
5. What do you understand by the term enforcement agency? Write relevant sections and laws relating to animal cruelty.

**ASSIGNMENT - 4**  
**Animal Welfare Practices, Economics and Livelihood**

**Course Code: MAW-004**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks**

1. Discuss the constitutional and legislative safeguarding measures of animal protection in India with examples.
2. Basic survival needs of animals should be fulfilled first before providing environment that promotes welfare. Illustrate with the help of 'Maslow's Need Hierarchy' theory.
3. Discuss the minimum welfare standards for commercial broilers.
4. Differentiate between *Gaushala*, *Pinjarapole* and *Gosadan*. Discuss the approaches for handling the stray cattle.
5. What is meant by farrowing? Discuss the care and management of sows before, during and after farrowing.