

# **Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW)**

**Assignments  
(July 2021 & January 2022 Sessions)**



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## Dear Learner,

You will have to do one assignment 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) The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:
  - Name:
  - Enrolment No.:
  - Course Code:
  - Course Title:
- 2) Use A-4 size plain or ruled paper for your responses, write on both 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 2021 Session is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and for January 2022 Session is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- 6) Please **submit the assignments in the allotted study centre** only and **keep a scan copy of assignments** until the marks are reflected in the grade card.

## Guidelines

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the self learning material on which they are based. Make some 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 1000 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, writing 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**

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

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

1. Why should we be concerned about animal welfare? Illustrate with suitable examples.
2. Explain the origin and evolution of Five Freedoms Framework of animal welfare.
3. Describe the resource based, management based and animal based welfare assessment measures with their advantages and limitations.
4. How abnormal social environment affect animal welfare? Explain the ways in which negative effects on welfare can be minimized.
5. Discuss the important attributes and explicit roles of Veterinarians in animal welfare.

**ASSIGNMENT - 2**

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

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

1. List out the specific animal welfare issues in small ruminants. How animal welfare issues in housing of small ruminants leads to compromise in five freedoms.
2. Discuss the common welfare issues in broiler poultry farming.
3. Classify the working animals based on the role they perform. Write the welfare consequences in bullocks with overloaded carts.
4. Discuss the welfare concerns in cock fights, *Jallikattu and kambala*.
5. Name the common welfare issues in pet animals. Explain the reasons, welfare concerns and risks associated with devocalization / debarking.

**ASSIGNMENT - 3**

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

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

1. Discuss the animal welfare legislation and policy commitment in India
2. What are the common offences against animals? Explain the procedure of reporting offences against animals to the concerned officials.
3. What is meant by CITES? Discuss its salient features and role in protecting the endangered animals.
4. Discuss the prominent features of PCA (Licensing of Farriers) rules 1965.
5. Discuss the guidelines for capturing, sterilization, immunization and release of street dogs under Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001.

**ASSIGNMENT - 4**

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

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

1. Discuss the minimum standards for housing of dairy animals.
2. Describe the minimum standards and good practices in care and management of pregnant sows.
3. Discuss the housing and stocking density related welfare standards and good practices in commercial broiler poultry farming.
4. Discuss the important features of housing facility for laboratory animals.
5. Why environmental enrichment is important in welfare of zoo animals? Explain the physical / habitat enrichment alternatives.