



POSITION STATEMENT

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Statement on Welfare of Poultry

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Poultry welfare and humane poultry husbandry are integral to responsible avian veterinary practice. Members of the AAAP, whether involved in research, teaching or active veterinary practice, support compassionate animal care and will not accept any inhumane treatment of poultry. We design and implement best industry practices for poultry welfare, including the development of welfare training and auditing systems. We continue to refine and develop our industry practice standards based upon new data verified by scientific method.

The Animal Welfare Committee of the AAAP actively reviews basic and applied animal welfare research. The AAAP, through the Welfare Committee, encourages the adoption of new management, production and processing technology that can demonstrate a measurable improvement in the welfare of poultry flocks. AAAP members working within the poultry industry implement the new technology, refining the best industry practices to reflect the most current research. (*The AAAP Animal Welfare Committee is committed to investigate and respond to situations that are inconsistent with this statement.*).