

Protecting *the Weak*

Entangled Processes of Framing, Mobilization and Institutionalization in East Asia

Model Animal Welfare Act: Objectives, Best Practice Guidance, and Ambitions for Global Advancements in Animal Welfare Legislation

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In recent years there has been growing awareness and appreciation of animal welfare across the globe. This not only resulted in the strengthening of the animal welfare policy environment but also in an increased recognition of the need to establish and advance modern animal welfare legislation. A shift from mere 'Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' provisions to an active 'Duty of Care' has emerged, along with the fostering of a new humane ethic. Thus, the Model Animal Welfare Act (AWA), jointly authored by the speaker along with Janice Cox, MBA, is based on the comparison of an extensive number of national animal welfare laws, as well as international standards and guidelines, coupled with current knowledge of animal welfare science and practical experience. It grounds on the concept for reverence for life and consideration and respect for the animal throughout society. The objective purpose of the Model AWA is to prevent cruelty and to ascertain the providence for the comprehensive practical care and well-being of each individual animal as well as to ensure a more far-reaching and courageous approach regarding the general content and the enforcement of animal welfare provisions. Some of the principles, best practice guidance and requirements in relation to animal welfare and animal welfare law will be highlighted; and a brief outlook will be given in the context of possible advancements in animal welfare legislation worldwide ideally eventually leading to certain globally-recognised principles and standards.

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