



BVA policy position on the recognition of animals as sentient beings

Introduction

Recognising animals as sentient beings provides the basis for our moral concern for animals. Animals are living beings with the capacity to have feelings, including pain and pleasure, so they should be

We would ask that efforts are made across government to reflect this duty within guidance to civil servants and public authorities, including amendments to The Green Book: appraisal and evaluation in

nervous system and highly sophisticated units within bee colonies with an abundance of homeostatic mechanisms.

The introduction of animal sentience legislation offers an opportunity to better align the different

