Implementation of animal ethics in agricultural science higher education: a pragmatic approach from Romania

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Animal experiment and animal ethic in generally was much debated of students from all agricultural universities in Romania beginning the eighties of the last century. Some books (e.g. Animal Welfare, Animal Behaviour and so on) determined many people to protest against the animal experiment and especially the animal experiment in education. In many courses like as Animal Physiology, Animal Pathology, Laboratory's Animals and so on replaced the study on animals (e.g. frog muscles, rats, mouse, rabbits) with the study on the computer's programmes. In other courses like as Company's Animals the students learn about the role of some animals (dogs, cats, Guinea pigs and so on) in education of children. The courses of Technology of Animal Exploitation from all four Universities of Agricultural Sciences in Romania have important chapters concerning the animal behaviour and welfare. We must mentioned Prof. Gh. K. Constantinescu (Bucharest) and Prof. Agricola Cardas (Iasi) which presented the importance of breeding of production's animals (cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry) in natural conditions with benefit for man and animal.